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BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMMITTEE.

1894-1895.

BOURNEMOUTH:
Printed for the Committee.

of which the books can be served through an opening in the dividing wall.

This cramped condition of affairs leads your Committee to hope for removal to more commodious premises at the very earliest possible date, and as the first term of No. 6, Cumnor Terrace, expires at Michaelmas, 1897, no time is to be lost unless the Public are content to remain until 1899 with a rapidly growing Library in inadequate premises.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

LEVESON SCARTH,
Chairman.

March 23rd, 1895.

APPENDIX.

Since the Opening of the Library all the Departments have been attended with a gratifying amount of success, and the issues from the Lending Department have been phenomenal. The greatest number of books issued in one hour was 188, and the highest daily issue 737, or an hourly average of 105. The whole of the available stock of Catalogues has been sold out, but it is intended to issue next month the first quarterly Supplement and Shelf Guide, which will contain all the additions since Jan. 1st. The number of Subscribers not being as large as might have been expected, the Committee would like it to become more widely known that visitors and outside residents can use the Lending Library for the small sum of 2/6 for a period not exceeding three months, 5/- for six months, or 7/6 for one year. The Newsroom and Reading Room have been largely taken advantage of, notwithstanding the very limited accommodation which they afford. The Reference Library will be opened as soon as it can be got ready, and will be located on the first floor. The Abstract of Accounts shows a balance in hand, which is just sufficient to meet current liabilities.

NUMBER AND CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS

IN THE

LENDING LIBRARY,

March 25th, 1895.

CLASS.	NUMBER.
A Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	357
B Topography, Travels, Antiquities ...	364
C History, Biography	865
D Law, Sociology, Education, Political Economy, etc.	214
E Natural and Mathematical Sciences ...	373
F Fine and Recreative Arts	335
G Useful and Constructive Arts	231
H Language, Literature and Elocution ...	108
J Poetry and the Drama	336
K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature ...	2997
L Miscellaneous and Collected Works ...	436
Total ...	6616

Since the opening of the Library on the 1st January, 899 vols. have been added.

Number and Classification of Volumes issued in the Lending Library since the Opening.

CLASS.	NO. OF VOLS. *(Open 72 days).*
Theology, etc.	543
Topography, Travel, etc.	1294
History and Biography	1764
Law, Education, etc.	185
Science	998
Fine and Recreative Arts	999
Useful Arts	596
Language and Literature	148
Poetry, etc.	542
Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature...	21828
Miscellaneous	872
Total ...	29769

LIST OF DONORS

OF

Books, Periodicals, Pamphlets, etc.,

1894–95.

	No. of vols.
Beebee, Mr., Bournemouth -	1
Bell, Mackenzie, the author -	1
Brassey, Lord - -	4
Brassey, Hon. T. A. - - (and large map of British Empire).	7
Catt, Robert, Bournemouth -	1
Cleeve, Mrs., Bournemouth -	1
Cooper, Alfred, Bournemouth -	1
Edwards, M. Betham, the author - - -	1
Ehrenfecter, C. A., the author	1
Exton, W. H., Bournemouth, 5 pts. of *Studio* - -	
French, Miss, Bournemouth -	5
Greaves, C. W. H., Bournemouth - - -	2
Hounsell, F. A. K., Bournemouth - - -	1
Lowry, S. C., the author -	1
Philpots, Dr., Bournemouth -	1
Pitman, Sir Isaac, publisher, Bath - - -	10
Ponsonby, Hon. Gerald, Bournemouth - -	25
Proprietors of *Hampshire Chronicle* - - -	1
Roscoe, Mrs., Bournemouth	1
Scarth, Leveson - - - and Hutchin's "History of Dorset."	10
Scarth, Mrs., Bournemouth ...	1
Sherry, G. S., Winton - -	2
Smith, Hubert, Bournemouth	1
Smythe, J. H. R., Bournemouth - - -	9
Tarn, E. W., the author -	2
Whitting, C. J., Bournemouth -	46
Willock, Miss, Ryde, I.W. -	1

The following PERIODICALS, *etc., are presented by their Proprietors:*

Bournemouth Visitors' Directory, British Architect, Civil Service Competitor (2 copies), C.E.W.M.U. Gazette (2 copies), Bournemouth Students' Association Gazette (2 copies), Bournemouth Amusements (4 copies), Illustrated Carpenter and Builder.

TIME TABLES.

Great Western. London and South-Western.
London and North-Western. Midland.
Great Northern.

Nash, Waters and Co., Printers, Bournemouth and Boscombe.

Abstract of Accounts for the year ended March 25th, 1895.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in hand, March 25th, 1894				496	10	7
,, Amounts received from Rates, 1894-95	1211	16	0			
,, Subscriptions	4	17	6			
,, Sale of Catalogues, Fines, etc. ...	29	13	11			
				1246	7	5
				£1742	18	0

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Furnishings, Fittings, etc. ...	134	17	3½			
,, Books, Periodicals, etc. ...	984	11	2			
,, Salaries of Officers	134	6	7			
,, Rent and Taxes — Yelverton Chambers	38	18	4			
,, ,, Cumnor Terrace	45	0	6			
,, Cleaning, Fuel and Lighting ...	16	12	4½			
,, Stationery and Printing ...	84	17	2			
,, Travelling Expenses to candidates for various offices -	19	6	2			
,, Postages	3	7	8			
,, Petty Cash—Disbursements (Mr. E. Davies)	2	3	1			
,, Cost of Leases, etc. ...	21	13	6			
				1485	13	10
Balance in Treasurer's hands (to meet current liabilities) ...	256	12	10			
Balance in Librarian's hands ...	0	11	4			
				257	4	2
				£1742	18	0

BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

Third

Annual Report

OF THE

Public Library Committee.

1895-96.

BOURNEMOUTH:
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda:

Population of Bournemouth (1891), 37,781. Present (estimated), 42,000.

Area of Borough, 2,838 acres, 1 rood, 20 poles.

Valuation of Borough, £363,747.

Public Libraries' Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.

Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.

First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.

Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room opened, January 1st, 1895.

PUBLICATIONS:—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.

Supplementary Catalogue, May 1895. *2d.*

Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. *2d.*

Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, Jan. 1896. *6d.*

Annual Reports, 1893-94, 1894-95.

Committee:

Chairman: REV. CANON ELIOT, M.A.

Vice-Chairmen: * MR. J. H. RALPH SMYTHE, MR. CHARLES T. MILES.

MR. ELIAS DAVIES. * MR. J. H. MOORE.

MR. T. J. HANKINSON, J.P. MR. J. R. RIDLEY.

* MR. C. J. HAYDON. * MR. M. J. ROKER.

* MR. G. J. LAWSON. * MR. H. C. STOCKLEY.

MR. C. J. WHITTING.

* Members of the Town Council.

Officers:

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.

Sub-Librarian: ROWLAND HILL.

Assistants: SIDNEY HILLIER, JOSEPH FARADAY, ARTHUR WATERHOUSE.

Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

Attendances of Committee, 1895-96.

	Summoned to.	Attended.
Rev. Canon Eliot, M.A., *Chairman*	35	26
Mr. J. H. R. Smythe, *Vice-Chairman*	31	21
Mr. C. T. Miles ,, ,,	35	28
Mr. E. Davies	31	21
Mr. G. J. Lawson	35	17
Mr. J. H. Moore	35	18
Mr. J. R. Ridley	31	25
Mr. M. J. Roker	35	19
Mr. H. C. Stockley	35	29
Mr. C. J. Whitting	31	29
Mr. T. J. Hankinson, *elected November*, 1895	9	6
Mr. C. J. Haydon, ,, ,, ,,	10	4
Mr. Leveson Scarth, *retired* ,, ,,	34	21
Mr. Henry Newlyn, ,, ,, ,,	25	0

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.	March 25, 1895.	March 25, 1896.	Increase.
A. Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical Hist.	357	383	26
B. Topography, Travels, Antiquities	364	405	41
C. History, Biography	865	922	57
D. Law, Sociology, Education, &c.	214	233	19
E. Natural and Mathematical Sciences	373	397	24
F. Fine and Recreative Arts	335	353	18
G. Useful and Constructive Arts	231	262	31
H. Language and Literature	108	117	9
J. Poetry and the Drama	336	341	5
K. Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	2997	3628	631
L. Miscellaneous and Collected Works	436	459	23
Totals	6616	7500	884

Since the opening of the Library on the 1st January, 1895, 1783 volumes have been added.

TO THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting their first Annual Report since the opening of the Library on January 1st, 1895, the Committee congratulate the Borough on the success with which the Library has started on its career. The appreciation of the Committee's labours by the public has been evinced by the returns of issues of books which have been made month by month, and which are summarised in the table appended to this report.

Although it is not easy to classify all the people who have made use of the Library, inasmuch as large numbers have neglected to state their occupations, still it is satisfactory to be able to say that a very large proportion of those who have properly described themselves, belong to the commercial and artisan classes.

The Library at the commencement of the year just closing, contained 6616 volumes in the Lending Department, and 737 volumes in the Reference Department. Additions of 884 to the Lending, and of 25 volumes to the Reference Department have been made in the course of the year.

The total number of issues during the year amounts to 137,738, and the percentage of the total amount in the various classes is as follows :—

	Per cent.
A. Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History ..	1·64
B. Topography, Travels, Antiquities	3·69
C. History, Biography	5·40
D. Law, Sociology, Education, &c.	0·61
E. Natural and Mathematical Sciences	2·95
F. Fine and Recreative Arts	2·62
G. Useful and Constructive Arts	1·62
H. Language and Literature	0·46
J. Poetry and the Drama	1·61
K. Fiction and Juvenile Literature	76·46
L. Miscellaneous	2·94

In common with all Public Libraries it will be seen that the demand for works of fiction far exceeds the demands for all other classes of literature put together. While perhaps to more highly educated and thoughtful people this may be a source of regret, yet it must be remembered that a very large class of readers seek no small portion of their recreation in the perusal of such books; and that a large proportion of these books are highly instructive, and that all of them are much more quickly read

than others which require more serious thought. The Committee have endeavoured to preserve the purity of this as of all other portions of the Library, and they entertain the hope that many of those who use books of this class will be induced through their acquaintance with the Library to advance to other and higher branches of literature.

The system of open access which was adopted by the Committee at the opening of the Library has so far justified its use by the fact that out of a total of 137,738 issues, only two books are missing at the end of the year, viz.: Woodgate's "Rowing," and Knight's "Sailing," the value of each book being 9*d*.

The last report drew attention to the inadequacy of the present premises to the requirements of the public. A year's further experience presses on the Committee more forcibly the utter insufficiency of the accommodation in every department, and they sincerely hope that in the course of the present year the way may be made clear for a permanent site.

Applications for Branch Reading Rooms from Westbourne and Springbourne were referred to the Committee from the Council, but with every desire to extend the advantages of the Library to all parts of the Borough, the Committee find that the resources at their disposal forbid their entertaining the hope of further extension at present.

In the course of last year the Librarian went to the Conference of Librarians at Cardiff. His report to the Committee contained some useful suggestions, which will be valuable as a guide in making further additions to the Library.

During the year 170 volumes have been added to the Library by private gifts, the most valuable of which have been the works of General Pitt Rivers, entitled "Excavations in Cranborne Chase," "Excavations in Bokerly Dyke and Wansdyke," "King John's House."

The Committee desire in conclusion to express their deep regret at the loss they have sustained by the resignation of the first Chairman of the Public Library Committee, Mr. Leveson Scarth. Mr. Scarth took an active interest in the movement from its commencement, and the Committee feel that they have sustained a very real loss in his departure from the town, and his consequent necessary severance from the work which he so happily inaugurated.

W. ELIOT, *Chairman.*

Issue of Books in the LENDING LIBRARY from January, 1895, to March 31st, 1896.

MONTH	Days open	A Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B Topography and Travels.	C History and Biography	D Social Science	E Natural and Math. Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts	H Language, Literature and Elocution.	J Poetry and the Drama	K Prose Fiction and juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous	TOTAL
January ..	27	146	310	456	60	315	295	174	33	121	5523	215	7648
February ..	24	202	500	710	69	369	400	212	50	213	8578	322	11625
March .	26	243	591	754	65	401	352	253	73	263	9516	408	12919
April ..	24	183	407	631	82	334	288	224	49	208	8896	305	11607
May ..	27	205	414	606	62	373	265	186	55	189	9470	362	12187
June	24	169	326	519	55	307	234	164	51	181	8192	310	10508
July .	27	158	405	596	64	301	249	185	50	175	9356	311	11850
August .	26	160	333	519	67	288	223	168	40	145	9073	317	11333
September	25	158	325	538	63	291	236	145	55	134	8745	308	10998
October ..	27	217	561	681	85	427	335	169	51	197	9327	409	12459
November ..	26	231	490	795	99	371	344	211	71	217	9908	420	13157
December .	24	201	446	646	77	299	288	146	63	179	8732	370	11447
Total ..	**307**	**2273**	**5108**	**7451**	**848**	**4076**	**3509**	**2237**	**641**	**2222**	**105,316**	**4057**	**137,738**
1896.													
January ..	27	265	485	734	78	417	304	220	93	248	10046	403	13293
February ..	25	307	530	756	98	387	349	214	85	275	9459	445	12905
March ..	26	241	486	685	91	344	280	177	71	222	9402	323	12322
	385	**3086**	**6609**	**9626**	**1115**	**5224**	**4442**	**2848**	**890**	**2967**	**134,223**	**5228**	**176,258**

LIST OF BOOKS showing the Issues in one Year.

The figures given in parenthesis denote the issues recorded during 1895. The books mentioned are only a small portion of the most popular works in the various classes, but they may be taken as an instance of the use made of the Library.

Theology, etc.

Balfour, Foundations of belief (20), Nicolini, Jesuits (15), Polano, Talmud (13), Westcott, Gospel of St. John (9), Liddon, Divinity of our Lord (19), Westcott, Thoughts on Revelation and life (15), Incarnation and common life (19), Study of the Gospels (11), Farrar, Witness of history to Christ (21), Dale, Atonement (19), Dale, Ephesians (18), Farrar, St. Paul (19), Lightfoot, Epistles of St. Paul (9), Liddon, Divinity of our Lord (16).

Biography.

Eliot, George, Life (26), Williams, Leaves (30), Smiles, Life and labour (21), Maxwell, Victories of Wellington (20), Wilberforce, Bp., Life of (25), Hutton, Laud (16), Mackay of Uganda (26), Liddon, Pusey (18), Hole, Dean, Memories (32), Fletcher, Gustavus Adolphus (15), Willert, Henry of Navarre (16), Russell, Nelson (17), Froude, Carlyle (23), Holder, Darwin (23), Maitland, Masters of German music (15), Willeby, Masters of English music (24), Hervey, Masters of French music (14), Pemberton, Sothern (16), Hooper, Wellington (10), Wolseley, Napoleon (18), Froude, Cæsar (13), Low, Wolseley (19), Strickland, Queens (18), Kennard, Mrs. Siddons (27), Lee, Countess of Albany (19), Pitman, Elizabeth Fry (20), Pennell, Mary W. Godwin (28), Blind, Madame Roland (21), Yonge, Hannah More (22), Rossetti, Mrs. Shelley (28), Miller, Schools and Schoolmasters (22), Smiles, Scotch naturalist (18), Darwin, Charles Darwin (21), Yates, Recollections (22), Frith, Autobiography (25), Thayer, Log cabin (32), Collingwood, Ruskin (20), MacGregor, Life of (Rob Roy) (28), Morley, Rosseau (20), Morley, Voltaire (22).

History and Travel.

Dilke, Greater Britain (18), McCarthy, History of our own times (18), Lawless, Ireland (17), Allen, Battles of British Navy (25), Stubbs, England (8), A'Beckett, Comic History of England (16), Brassey, Trades, tropics, etc. (36), Froude, English in the West Indies (11), Knight, "Falcon" on the Baltic (21), Twain, Tramp abroad (25), Dixon, New America (18), Ballantyne, Hudson Bay (38), Davis, The West from a car window (29), Adams, Australians (18), Wilson, Land of Fire (25), Burton, Sport in India (19), MacGregor, Rob Roy Canoe (43), Kitchin, France (18), Mackintosh, Scotland (20), Russo-Turkish War (18), Stanley, Congo (16), Cameron, Across Africa (14), Stanley, Darkest Africa (10), Johnson, Track of the Crescent (13), Oliphant, Makers of Florence (24), Chadwick, Lobengula (19), Drummond, Tropical Africa (17), Baker, Ismailia (20), Du Chaillu, Equatorial Africa (15), Wissmann, Equatorial Africa (24), Selous, South-East Africa (25), Froude, England (15), Gardiner, Great Civil War (15), Lecky, England (7), Macaulay, England (9), Lingard (11), Hug and Stead, Switzerland (11), Blackburn, Artistic travel (20), Baring-Gould, Germany (13), Motley, Dutch Republic (11), Worth, Devonshire (25), Morwood, Gypsies (29), Fletcher, Hungary (19), Stephens, French Revolution (14), Bingham, Bastille (14), O'Shea, Ironbound City (22), Morley, Bartholomew Fair (13), Sala, London up-to-date (34), Williams, Round London (28), Wells, Oxford (19), Ashton, Fleet (30).

Social Science.

Ruskin, Time and tide (22), A'Beckett, Comic Blackstone (16), Smith, Wealth of nations (7), Fitch, Teaching (19), Landon, School management (9), Ruskin, Education (12), Spencer, Education (8), Ruskin, Unto this last (19), Giffen, Case against bimetalism (7), Westermarck, History of human marriage (12), Kidd, Social evolution (19), Flint, Socialism (6), Fawcett, Political economy (6).

Natural Science, etc.

Darwin, Vegetable mould and earthworms (16), Darwin, Climbing plants (14), Descent of man (32), Origin of species (24), Naturalist's voyage round the

world (21), Ruskin, Ethics of the dust (21), Wright, Poultry (16), Ball, Story of the heavens (21), Proctor, Orbs around us (23), Proctor, The Moon (20), Airy, Popular astronomy (15), Lubbock, British Wild flowers (16), Mill, H. R., Realm of nature (17), Huxley, Physiography (11), Tait, Recent advances in physical science (16), Tyndall, Heat (10), Sound (10), Loney, Statics and dynamics (12), Boys, Soap bubbles (16), Stokes, On light (8), Civil Service Book-keeping (11), Taylor, Euclid (11), Todhunter, Algebra (10), Knight and Hall, Higher algebra (10), Thompson, Electricity and magnetism (11), Pendlebury, Arithmetic (20), Lodge, Modern views of electricity (12), Ball, In starry realms (31), In the high heavens (24), Wood, Strange dwellings (17), White, Natural history of Selborne (13), Jefferies, Amateur poacher (23), Wild life in a southern county (39), Binet and Féré, Animal magnetism (18).

Fine Arts, etc.

Collier, Oil painting (13), Delamotte, Progressive drawing book (20), Ruskin, Two paths (26), Val D'Arno (18), Eagle's nest (25), Seven lamps of Architecture (22), Jackson, Decorative Art (16), Leland, Wood carving (19), Walker, Handbook of drawing (30), Viollet-le-Duc, Architecture (9), Perrot and Chipiez, Ancient Egyptian art (16), Badminton, Golf (26), Riding (13), Fishing (15), Cricket (21), Yachting (25), Fencing, etc. (26), Cassell's Sports and pastimes (32), Wilson, Swimming (22).

Useful Arts.

Allen, Building construction (22), Findlay, Working of an English railway (17), Francatelli, Royal confectioner (20), Acworth, Railways of England (25), Rosevear, Needlework (21), Brothers, Photography (30), Marion, Photography (31), Newsholme, Hygiene (20), Roberts, Ambulance (13), Richardson, Diseases of modern life (18), Abney, Photography (20), Amateur photographer's library, 6 v. (125), Lantern slide manual (14), Thurston, Steam engine (17), May, Greenhouse management (11), Bottone, Electric bells (20), Electro-motors (13), Fleming, Lectures to electrical artisans (13), Walmsley, Electric current (20), Ayrton, Practical electricity (19), Inventions and discoveries of the nineteenth century (39), Spon, Mechanic's own book (21).

Language and Literature.

Gouin, Teaching languages (16), Trench, English past and present (12), Lang, Letters to dead authors (15), Renton, English literature (8), Harrison, Choice of books (20), Stephen, Hours in a library (14), Russell, P., Author's manual (17), Taine, English Literature (8).

Poetry.

Arnold, Light of Asia (18), Light of the world (22), Austin, Prince Lucifer (10), Lyrical poems (13), Davidson, Ballads (15), Gladstone, Horace (11), Hood, Poems (26), Goethe, Faust (26), Newman, Verses (16), Tennyson, Works (33), Swinburne, Poems and ballads (16), Watson, Poems (13), Shakespeare, Works (21).

Fiction.

Tolstoi, Invaders (35), Macdonald, At the back of the north wind (52), Lever, Charles O'Malley (32), Kraszewski, The Jew (46), Stevenson, Treasure Island (52), Hungerford, Maiden all forlorn (40), Jokai, Dr. Dumany's wife (48), Murray, Joseph's coat (47), Marryat, Petronel (44), Hardy, Mayor of Casterbridge (48), Couch, Splendid Spur (45), Riddell, Ruling passion (39), Russell, Little Loo (43), Maartens, God's fool (34), Blackmore, Perlycross (32), Grant, Colville of the Guards (43), Lytton, Ernest Maltravers (35), Collins, Antonina (37), Ainsworth, Constable of the Tower (41), Meredith, Vittoria (45), Payn, By proxy (47), Braddon, Lovels of Arden (39), Brontë, Jane Eyre (35), Buchanan, Heir of Linne (49), Boldrewood, Squatter's dream (48), Scott, Rob Roy (28), Scott, Old Mortality (32), Weyman, My Lady Rotha (46), Worboise, Woman's patience (36), Thackeray, Esmond (30), Farjeon, Sacred Nugget (40), Everett-Green, Little lady Clare (72), Dickens, Christmas books (30), Bleak House [French] (34).

Miscellaneous.

Hamerton, Intellectual life (19), Macaulay, Lays, &c. (18), Arnold, Essays (18), Pater, Greek Studies (17), Bacon, Essays (13), Smiles, Character (22), Duty (22), Lowell, Essays (17), Emerson, Conduct of Life (16), Society and solitude (18), English traits (17), Carlyle, Frederick the Great (13), Birrell, Obiter dicta (18), Essays (28), Carlyle, Cromwell's letters (11), Essays (10).

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Accountants	4
Agents	31
Architects and Surveyors	27
Artists	21
Assistant Librarians	7
Auctioneers	3
Authors	2
Bakers	5
Bank Managers	4
Barmaids	7
Barrister	1
Bill Posters	2
Bookbinder	1
Booksellers & Stationers	16
Bootmakers	13
Borough Officials	8
Brewers	2
Bricklayers	10
Builders	14
Butchers	14
Butlers	9
Cab Drivers	4
Cabinet Makers	29
Caretakers	8
Carpenters & Joiners	34
Carvers & Gilders	4
Cashiers	17
Chemists	21
Chimney Sweepers	2
China Dealers	2
Clergymen	39
Clerks	218
Coach Builders	4
Coachmen	8
Companions	11
Confectioners	10
Cycle Makers and Repairers	2
Dairymen	4
Dentists	8
Drapers and Assistants	86
Dressmakers and Milliners	149
Drill Instructors	2
Dyers	4
Electricians	14
Engineers	11
Errand Boys	14
Fishmongers	5
Florists	5
Footmen	5
French Polishers	5
French Teachers	4
Fruiterers	6
Gardeners	23
Gas Fitters	6
Governesses	50
Greengrocers	6
Grocers and Assistants	36
Grooms	9
Hairdressers	13
Hosiers and Hatters	13
Hotel Proprietors	6
Inland Revenue Officers	2
Inspectors	8
Ironmongers	15
Journalists	11
Labourers	27
Laundresses	3
Lodging House Keepers	100
Machinists	5
Managers	3
Matrons	4
Mechanics	2
Merchants	5
Musicians	11
Naval and Military Officers	26
Nurses	36
Organists	2
Page Boys	4
Painters, Decorators and Plumbers	40
Pawnbrokers	2
Photographers	48
Phrenologist	1
Physicians & Surgeons	19
Pianoforte Tuners	3
Picture Frame Makers	4
Plasterers	3
Police Inspector	1
Policemen	4
Porters	19
Postmen	12
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists	41
Poulterers	4
Printers & Compositors	58
Professors of Music	16
Railway Servants	46
Saddlers	3
Salesmen	13
Scholars	156
Schoolmasters	24
Schoolmistresses	21
Servants	104
Shop Assistants	124
Solicitors	13
Stewards	3
Stonemasons	2
Students	60
Tailors	25
Taxidermist	1
Teachers and Tutors	104
Telegraph Messengers	3
Tobacconists	6
Travellers	4
Typists	2
Upholsterers	19
Upholsteresses	7
Vocalists	2
Waiters	2
Watchmakers and Jewellers	22
Wine Merchants	5
Wood Turner	1
Subscribers	87
Miscellaneous Trades and Professions	71
Not Stated: "Houskeepers" "Married" "Ladies" "Gentlemen" "At Home" "Retired" etc., etc.	* 3534

Total, 6,101

* This number includes ALL the ratepayers who are borrowers. Through an oversight a space was not included on the Ratepayer's Form for the occupation of a borrower.

LIST OF PERIODICALS, &c.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

	Central	Branch
Daily.		
Daily Chronicle	1	1
Daily Graphic	1	1
Daily News	1	1
Daily Telegraph	1	1
Echo	1	1
Pall Mall Gazette	1	1
Standard	1	1
Star	1	1
Times	1	1
Westminster Gazette	1	1
Bi-Weekly.		
Bournemouth Directory	1	1
,, Guardian	1	1
,, Observer	1	1
Weekly.		
*Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette		1
Architect	1	
Athenæum	1	1
Birmingham Weekly Post	1	
Black and White		1
*Bournemouth Students' Association Gazette	1	1
*British Architect		1
British Weekly		1
Builder	1	
Building News		1
Cardiff Times	1	
Catholic Times		1
Christian World	1	1
*Civil Service Competitor	1	1
Cycling	1	
Dublin Weekly Freeman		1
English Mechanic		1
Exchange and Mart		1
Fanciers' Gazette		1
Field	1	
Gardening	1	1
Gentlewoman	1	
*Good Templar's Watchword		1
Graphic	1	1
Guardian	1	
Hampshire Chronicle		1
Hearth and Home	1	1
*Illustrated Carpenter and Builder		1
Illustrated London News	1	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic		1
Ladies' Pictorial	1	
Lady		1
Literary World	1	1
Liverpool Weekly Post		1
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle	1	
Notes and Queries	1	1
Punch	1	1
Scientific American	1	
Scientific American Supplement	1	
Science Siftings	1	1
Sketch	1	
Speaker	1	
Spectator		1
Studio	1	
*Tablet	1	
Truth	1	1
*Vegetarian		1
Weekly Scotsman		1
Western Gazette		1
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1
Monthly.		
Art Journal	1	
Blackwood	1	
Cassell's Family Magazine		1
Century	1	1
Chambers' Journal	1	1
Chess Monthly	1	
Contemporary Review	1	
Fortnightly Review	1	
Gentleman's Magazine	1	
Good Words	1	1
Harper's Magazine	1	1
*Knowledge	1	
*Labour Gazette		1
Longman's Magazine		1
Macmillan's Magazine		1
Magazine of Art		1
New Review	1	1
Nineteenth Century	1	
Pall Mall Magazine	1	1
Photogram	1	

Monthly (continued).	Central	Branch
Review of Reviews	1	1
Scribner's Magazine	1	1
Strand Magazine		1
*The 'Jo	1	1

Quarterly.

Edinburgh	1	
Notes and Queries for Dorset and Somerset	1	
Quarterly	1	

Directories.

Advertisers' A.B.C.	1	
Building Trades	1	
Cabinet, Furniture, &c. Trades	1	
Clerical Directory	1	
Dorset	1	
Hampshire	1	
Hart's Army List	1	
London Directory	1	1

Directories (continued).	Central	Branch
London Suburban Directory	1	
Medical Directory	1	
Scholastic Directory	1	
Stubbs' Directory	1	

Railway Time Tables.

Bradshaw's Guide	1	
*Caledonian	1	1
*Great Northern	1	1
*Great Western	1	1
*London and North-Western	1	1
*Midland	1	1
*London and South-Western	1	1

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*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory
*Bournemouth Observer
*C.E.W.M.U. Gazette
*Bournemouth Amusements
*Visitors' Programme of Daily Events

LIST OF DONORS, etc. for 1895-1896.

	No. of Vols.
Arnold, Lady Charlotte, Wimborne Road	2
Ashton, Mrs., Grosvenor Hotel	1
Benthall, Rev. O. A., Marlborough Road	1
Bogue, Miss, Wootton Hill, Bournemouth	1
Bowring, S. B., Bournemouth	1
Brassey, Hon. T. A., Battle, Sussex	3
Brine, Mrs., Osborne Road, Winton	1
Buckingham, Mrs., Salisbury Road, Boscombe	2
Chiswick Press	1
Copland, Theodore, Portarlington Road	2
Corless, Mrs., Triangle, Bournemouth	10
Cornish, Vaughan, Branksome	1
Courtenay, Frank, Old Christchurch Road	2
Crossley, Miss, Spa Road, Boscombe	1
Dennett, A., Firs Glen	1
Dennett, Mrs. A., Firs Glen	1
Dibben, Miss, Madeira Road, Bournemouth	2
Eustace, Alexander, A., Surrey Road	2
Flint, J. H., Hamilton Road, Boscombe	1
Frazer, Mrs., Elmhurst, Dean Park	1
Gibbs, Col., Park Road, Bournemouth	1
Glen, Miss, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth	4
Hampton, W., Publisher, London	1
Hawke, Francis, Springfield, Oxford Road	1
Hawkins, Miss, Staunton, Boscombe	2
Hefford, Miss, Cavendish Road, Bournemouth	1
Hewett, Mrs., West Cliff Road, Bournemouth	1
Hobbs, A. E., Old Christchurch Road	1
Holmstead, T., Wellington Road, Bournemouth	4
Houghton, E. W., Wilts & Dorset Bank, Boscombe	1
Hutchings, Mrs., L. N., Monkton Wyld, Bournemouth	1
Jackson, Mrs., Charminster Road, Bournemouth	1
Jessop, Charles M., London	1
Kennaway, Miss, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth	1
Lambert, Miss, Alton Terrace, Bournemouth	2
Lawson, G. J., Wharncliff Road, Boscombe	1
Lukin, Mrs., Heatherside, Moorland Road	1
Macdonell, Mrs., Boscombe Chine	1
MacGregor, William, St. Peter's Terrace	3
Malan, E., West Cliff Hall	1
Manfred, Miss, Upper Terrace Road, Bournemouth	10
Mather & Crowther, Publishers, London	1
Maude, Mrs., Dean Park, Bournemouth	2
Metcalfe, W. C., the Author, Sea Road, Boscombe	6
Moore, Mrs., Drummond Road, Boscombe	1
Morrison, Miss, Alum Chine Road, Bournemouth	1
Napier, Lady, Upper Norwood	1
Nicholls, Mrs., Carlton Road, Boscombe	2
Ord, Dr. W. T., Madeira Road, Bournemouth	19
Paton, J., the Author, Glasgow	2
Polley, E. R., Derby Road, Bournemouth	1
Punch, Miss, Wimborne Road	1
Ransome, Dr., Sunnyhurst, Bournemouth	1
Scarth, Leveson, Keverstone	3
Shuttleworth, Mrs., The Poplars, Devonshire Park	1
Street, Percy, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth	1

		No. of Vols.
Street, D., Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth		1
Sydenham, D., Pier Approach	Patent Office Publications	
Thomas, Hugh, Cotlands Road, Bournemouth		1
Toyne, Rev. F. E., St. Michael's		3
Vellacott, Miss, Bath Road, Bournemouth		8
Walker, William, Park Terrace, Bournemouth		1
Walsh, Mrs., Earls Road, Bournemouth		2
Wanklyn, Miss, Suffolk Terrace, Bournemouth		13
Ward, W. S., Jubilee Road, Bournemouth		1
Whitting, C. J., Poole Road, Westbourne		15
Widnell, Mary E., Bournemouth		1
Williams, J. H., Commercial Road, Bournemouth		6

Libraries, Public. Reports, &c.

Ashton-under-Lyne, Birmingham, Blackburn, Brentford, Bristol, Bromley, Cardiff, Carlisle, Croydon, Derby, Mitchell Library, Glasgow, Gosport and Alverstoke, Halifax, Handsworth, Hove, Leamington. LONDON: Battersea, Chelsea, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Hammersmith, Holborn, Lewisham, Poplar, Rotherhithe, St. George, Hanover Square, St. Giles, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Saviour's, Shoreditch, Westminster. Middlesborough, Penzance, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rochdale, Sheffield, Southampton, Southport, South Shields, Tynemouth, Wigan, Wimbledon.

Abstract of Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1896.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 25th, 1895	256	12	10			
,, Balance in Librarian's hands, March 25th, 1895	0	12	2½			
				257	5	0½
,, Amounts received from Rates ..				973	18	2
,, Rent of Rooms				20	0	0
,, Subscriptions	9	10	0			
,, Fines	61	10	6			
,, Sale of Wastepaper	2	12	3			
,, Sale of Catalogues	4	17	4			
				78	10	1
				£1329	13	3½

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages	328	10	0			
,, Books	189	16	7			
,, Bookbinding	33	13	2			
,, Periodicals	95	14	7			
,, Advertising	0	13	0			
,, Cleaning Materials	6	18	11			
,, Coal and Wood	19	10	2			
,, Electric Light	53	10	8			
,, Furniture, Fittings and Repairs ..	192	5	7½			
,, Gas and Water	15	13	9			
,, Insurance	2	19	3			
,, Postage, etc.	7	15	6½			
,, Printing and Stationery ..	105	0	8			
,, Rent and Taxes	238	17	7			
,, Travelling Expenses	7	15	0			
,, Compensation	25	0	0			
				1323	14	6
Balance in Treasurer's hands	5	2	2			
Balance in Librarian's hands	0	16	7½			
				5	18	9½
				£1329	13	3½

BOURNEMOUTH:
Jarvis & Co., Printers and Stationers, 1, The Quadrant.

And at Bangor, N. Wales.

BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

Fourth

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Library Committee.

1896-97.

BOURNEMOUTH:
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth (1891), 37,781. Present (estimated), 47,000.

Area of Borough, 2,838 acres, 1 rood, 20 poles.

Valuation of Borough, £363,747.

Public Libraries' Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.

Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.

First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.

Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room opened, January 1st, 1895.

PUBLICATIONS :—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.

Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895. 2*d.*

Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. 2*d.*

Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, Jan., 1896. 6*d.*

Annual Reports, 1893-94, 1894-95, 1895-6.

Committee.

Chairman: REV. CANON ELIOT, M.A.

Vice-Chairmen: *MR. J. H. RALPH SMYTHE, *MR. CHARLES T. MILES.

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MR. J. R. RIDLEY.

*MR. M. J. ROKER.

*MR. H. C. STOCKLEY.

MR. C. J. WHITTING.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.

Sub-Librarian: ROWLAND HILL.

Assistants: JOSEPH FARADAY, ARTHUR WATERHOUSE, WILLIAM SAYERS.

Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

TO THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION

OF THE

BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

The Fourth Annual Report which the Committee of the Public Library present to you possesses no features of exceptional importance. The Library has continued the useful career which it commenced publicly on January 1st, 1895, and the Committee have striven to use the funds entrusted to them to the best advantage of the Public, whose interests they desire to serve. They are confident that as time advances all classes of the community will be found to take an increasing interest in the different kinds of literature which are provided for them. The open access system continues to justify its adoption by the great convenience which it affords to the Public; experience shows that the safeguards which it provides are ample to protect the Library from loss. In last year's Report the Committee announced that with every desire to extend the benefits of the Library to all parts of the Borough, they did not see their way then to open Branch Reading Rooms at Springbourne and Westbourne. Now, however, that no considerable payment is needed for the purchase of furniture, etc., they contemplate making these extensions without further delay. While desiring that all parts of the Borough should partake in the benefits of the Library by the establishment of Branch Reading Rooms and Branch

Libraries, the Committee nevertheless consider that it is their first duty to make the Central Library as efficient as possible. For that purpose it will be necessary in the immediate future to take steps for a Permanent Building. The present premises are not only insufficient for the accommodation of the Public, but are also inadequate in size to receive further additions to the Lending Library. At the commencement of last year there were 7,500 volumes in that department, and 762 in the Reference Department. In the course of the year 1,576 additions have been made to the Lending, and 78 to the Reference Department. There are thus 9,076 volumes in the Lending Department, and 840 in the Reference Department, and it is most desirable to at once make some provision for the future additions. The Librarian, at the request of the Committee, went to the Conference of Librarians at Buxton. His report to the Committee contained valuable suggestions for their guidance. During the year 142 volumes have been added to the Library by private gift, and are acknowledged *seriatim* in the Librarian's Report.

W. ELIOT,

Chairman.

Attendances of Committee, 1896-7.

	Summoned to.	Attended.
Rev. Canon Eliot, M.A., *Chairman* ...	49 ...	20
Mr. J. H. R. Smythe, *Vice-Chairman* ...	34 ...	22
Mr. C. T. Miles ,, ,, ...	34 ...	30
Mr. T. J. Hankinson	34 ...	15
Mr. C. J. Haydon	34 ...	6
Mr. G. J. Lawson	34 ...	23
Mr. J. R. Ridley	34 ...	21
Mr. M. J. Roker	34 ...	19
Mr. H. C. Stockley	34 ...	33
Mr. C. J. Whitting	34 ...	33
Dr. G. A. George, *elected Nov.*, 1895 ...	13 ...	3
Mr. J. A. Parsons ,, ,, ,, ...	11 ...	9
Mr. E. Davies, *retired* ,, ,, ...	21 ...	15
Mr. J. H. Moore ,, ,, ,, ...	23 ...	7

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.	March 31, 1896.	March 31, 1897.	Increase.
A. Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History ...	383 ...	429 ...	46
B. Topography, Travels, Antiquities	405 ...	511 ...	106
C. History, Biography	922 ...	1149 ...	227
D. Law, Sociology, Education, &c....	233 ...	272 ...	39
E. Natural & Mathematical Sciences	397 ...	487 ...	90
F. Fine and Recreative Arts ...	353 ...	521 ...	168
G. Useful and Constructive Arts ...	262 ...	305 ...	43
H. Language and Literature ...	117 ...	129 ...	12
J. Poetry and the Drama ...	341 ...	364 ...	23
K. Prose Fiction, and Juvenile Literature	3628 ...	4152 ...	524
L. Miscellaneous & Collected Works	459 ...	757 ...	298
Totals	7500	9076	1576

Since the opening of the Library on the 1st January, 1895, 3,359 volumes have been added.

Issue of Books in the LENDING LIBRARY from January 1st, 1896, to December 31st, 1896.

MONTH.	Days open.	A Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B Topo-grapy and Travels.	C History and Biography	D Social Science.	E Natural and Math. Sciences.	F Fine and Recrea-tive Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H. Language, Literature, & Elocution.	J Poetry & the Drama	K Prose, Fiction & Juvenile Literature	L Miscel-laneous.	TOTAL.
January	27	265	485	734	78	417	304	220	93	248	10046	403	13293
February	25	307	530	756	98	387	349	214	85	275	9459	445	12905
March	26	241	486	685	91	344	280	177	71	222	9402	323	12322
April	24	174	349	547	98	287	254	183	76	186	9295	311	11760
May	24	175	315	478	82	288	247	128	63	186	8929	265	11156
June	26	166	310	454	65	229	210	111	49	182	8823	272	10871
July	27	143	275	511	48	264	227	143	45	172	9157	249	11234
August	26	124	274	387	37	253	205	89	28	103	8625	203	10328
September	26	138	263	464	48	284	207	141	40	164	9144	236	11129
October	27	197	326	658	79	311	273	144	88	185	10525	298	13084
November	25	194	292	572	70	306	264	171	40	210	9707	441	12267
December	25	172	278	524	66	281	285	140	49	167	9764	513	12239
Total	**308**	**2296**	**4183**	**6770**	**860**	**3651**	**3105**	**1861**	**727**	**2300**	**112876**	**3959**	**142588**
Reference		86	66	109	20	31	101	13	62	9	2	225	719

Total Issue (Lending Department) 1895	...	...	...	...	...	**137738**
" " " " 1896	...	...	...	...	...	**142588**
Increase, 1896	...	...	...	...	...	**4850**

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are presented.

Daily.	Central.	Branch.
Daily Chronicle	1	1
Daily Graphic	1	1
Daily Mail	1	1
Daily News...	1	1
Echo	1	1
Morning Leader	1	1
Pall Mall Gazette	1	1
Standard	1	1
Star	1	1
Times	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1
Bi-Weekly.		
Bournemouth Directory ...	1	1
,, Guardian ...	1	1
,, Observer ...	1	1
Weekly.		
*Admiralty & Horse Guards Gazette		1
Architect	1	
Athenæum	1	
Birmingham Weekly Post	1	
Black and White	1	
*Bournemouth Students' Association Gazette ...	1	1
*British Architect ...		1
British Weekly		1
Builder	1	
Building News		1
Cardiff Times	1	
Catholic Times		1
Christian World	1	1
Church Times		1
*Civil Service Aspirant ...		1
Cycling	1	
Dublin Weekly Freeman		1
English Mechanic		1

Weekly *(continued)*.	Central.	Branch.
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1
Fanciers' Gazette		1
Field	1	
Gardening	1	1
Gentlewoman	1	
*Good Templar's Watchword		1
Graphic	1	1
Guardian	1	1
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1
*Herald of the Golden Age	1	1
Hearth and Home	1	1
*Illustrated Carpenter and Builder		1
Illustrated London News...	1	1
,, Sporting & Dramatic		1
Ladies' Pictorial	1	
Lady		1
Literary World	1	1
Liverpool Weekly Post ...		1
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle...	1	
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Spectator		1
Studio	1	
Tablet	1	
Truth	1	1
Vegetarian		1
Weekly Scotsman		1
Western Gazette		1
Yorkshire Weekly Post ...		1
Monthly.		
Art Journal...	1	

List of Periodicals, etc. *(continued)*.

Monthly (*continued*).	Central.	Branch.
Cassell's Family Magazine		1
Century	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1
Contemporary Review ...	1	1
Fortnightly Review ...	1	1
Gentleman's Magazine ...	1	
Good Words	1	1
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1
*Knowledge	1	
*Labour Gazette		1
Magazine of Art		1
New Review	1	1
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1
Photogram	1	
Review of Reviews ...	1	1
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1
*Strad	1	
Strand Magazine		1
*Travel	1	
*Troubadour	1	
*University Extension Journal	1	
*Verulam Review	1	
Quarterly.		
Notes & Queries for Dorset and Somerset		1

Directories.	Central.	Branch.
Advertisers' A B C ...	1	
Bournemouth Directory ...	1	
Building Trades	1	
Cabinet, Furniture, &c. ...	1	
Clerical Directory	1	
Dorset	1	
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London Directory	1	1
London Suburban Directory	1	
Medical Directory	1	
Scholastic ,, ...	1	
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Railway Time Tables.		
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Caledonian	1	1
Great Northern	1	1
Great Western	1	1
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*Bournemouth Observer.		
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*Bournemouth Amusements.		
*Visitors' Programme of Daily Events.		

List of Donors for 1896-97.

	No. of Vols.
Boulton, Mrs., 3, Westover Road	14
Brassey, Hon. T. A., Battle, Sussex	2
Catt, R., Bournemouth Steam Laundry ...	2
Currie, Messrs. Donald, & Co., London ...	5
Doke, Mr., Richmond Park	1
Ellis, C., Lyme Regis	2
Goulty, Miss, "East Coombe" Christchurch Road	24
Grant, John, Bookseller, Edinburgh	1
Gray, Mrs., "Kyrewood," Adeline Road ...	59
Haywood, Col. T. M., "Sutherland Hall," South Cliff	5
Insley, Mrs., "Old Studley," Wimborne Road ...	3
Lukin, Mrs., "Heatherside," Moorland Road ...	12
Marston, Mrs., "Addiscombe," Cranborne Road ...	4
Maude, Mrs., Dean Park Road, Bournemouth ...	1
Morgan, Dr. Kinsey, 1 Stanhope Gardens ...	1
Thatcher, Major, 5, Suffolk Terrace	2
Thompson, Herbert M., The Author	1
Walker, C. C., The Author	1
Wall, R., "Atherton," Littledown Road ...	2
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Libraries, Public—Reports, etc.

Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bootle, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Bromley, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cork, Derby, Dundee, Folkestone, Glasgow (Ballie's Institution), Gosport and Alverstoke, Halifax, Handsworth, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leeds, **London**—Chelsea, Clerkenwell, Fulham, Hammersmith, Harlesden, Kensington, Lewisham, Marylebone, Shoreditch, Southwark, Stoke Newington, St. George, Hanover Square, St. Giles, Streatham, Westminster, Willesden; Lincoln, Middlesborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rochdale, Salisbury, Sheffield, South Shields, Southport, Tynemouth, West Ham.

Abstract of Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1897.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands, March, 31st, 1896	5	2	2			
,, Balance in Librarian's hands, March 31st, 1896	0	16	7½			
				5	18	9½
,, Amounts Received from Rates:—						
,, Balance for half-year ending March 31st, 1896	240	0	0			
,, Rate for half-year ending September 30th, 1896 ...	671	5	7			
,, On Account of Rate for half-year ending March 31st, 1897	600	0	0			
				1511	5	7
,, By Bank Interest ...				15	16	3
,, Subscriptions	11	15	0			
,, Fines, etc.	82	19	5			
,, Sale of Waste Paper ...	8	2	3			
,, Sale of Catalogues ...	5	6	4			
				108	3	0
				£1641	16	1½

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries	267	6	6			
,, Books	251	12	3			
,, Bookbinding	36	19	9			
,, Periodicals	89	16	7			
,, Caretaker and Cleaning...	69	13	0			
,, Coal and Wood ...	27	3	6			
,, Electric Light... ...	36	17	8			
,, Furniture, Fittings, and Repairs	144	13	0			
,, Gas and Water ...	17	5	11			
,, Insurance	6	15	0			
,, Petty Cash	11	10	7½			
,, Printing and Stationery...	25	9	11			
,, Rent and Taxes ...	294	2	6			
,, Miscellaneous	8	18	0			
				1288	4	2½
Balance in Treasurer's hands	346	15	11			
Ditto Librarian's hands	6	16	0			
				353	11	11
				£1341	16	1½

BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

FIFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

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*MR. C. J. HAYDON.
*MR. G. J. LAWSON.
MR. H. H. ODLING.
*MR. M. J. ROKER.
*MR. H. C. STOCKLEY.
MR. J. C. WEBBER.
MR. C. J. WHITTING.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.

Sub-Librarian: ROWLAND HILL.

Assistants: JOSEPH FARADAY, WILLIAM SAYERS, WILLIAM WILDING, HUGH STEVENSON.

Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

TO THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION

OF THE

BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

The fifth Annual Report which the Committee of the Public Library present to you this year is one of more than usual importance.

During the year Branch Reading Rooms have been opened at Springbourne and Westbourne; and travelling libraries now bring a weekly supply of books to these places as well as to Boscombe. The premises are satisfactory and the advantages, which the Committee have thus been enabled to put within the reach of these portions of the Borough, seem to be fully appreciated. While however these benefits have been secured for the thickly populated neighbourhoods on the outskirts of the Borough, no definite step has yet been taken for providing more convenient premises for the Central Library. Your Committee venture to press this point with renewed earnestness. They are of opinion that a temporary building of sufficient size and adequate proportions could be erected at a less annual cost than they are paying now for rent for the present utterly insufficient and inconvenient premises. While regretting that the suggestion for erecting at once a permanent Library, which they submitted to the Council a few months ago, could not be entertained, they trust that no insuperable difficulty will now be raised to the provision of a temporary building at as early a date as possible.

The Open Access System is still found to be quite satisfactory, both in the interests of the Public and in those of the Library.

During the year 925 additions have been made to the Lending and 497 to the Reference Library, making a total of 10,001 in the Lending and of 1337 in the Reference Department.

The Committee have also received a gift of 400 volumes from the Bournemouth Scientific Society.

The Librarian went, at the request of the Committee to the International Conference of Librarians held in the Guildhall, London.

The experience of the past year proves more distinctly than ever that the Library meets a great public want. Its usefulness however, is greatly impaired by the imperfection of the present accommodation. And for this reason the Committee trust that in the course of this year, sufficient and suitable temporary premises will be provided.

W. ELIOT,
Chairman.

Attendances of Committee, 1897-8.

	Summoned to.	Attended
Rev. Canon Eliot, M.A., *Chairman* ...	36 ...	13
*Mr. J. H. R. Smythe, *Vice-Chairman*	26 ...	18
*Mr. C. T. Miles, *Vice-Chairman* ...	25 ...	19
Dr. G. A. George	26 ...	7
Mr. T. J. Hankinson, J.P.... ...	26 ...	—
*Mr. C. J. Haydon	25 ...	2
*Mr. G. J. Lawson	25 ...	8
*Mr. M. J. Roker	25 ...	10
*Mr. H. C. Stockley	25 ...	20
Mr. C. J. Whitting	26 ..	24
Mr. H. H. Odling, *elected Nov., 1897*...	12 ...	4
Mr. J. C. Webber, ,, ,, ,, ...	11 ...	3
Mr. J. A. Parsons, *retired Nov., 1897*...	14 ...	12
Mr. J. R. Ridley, ,, ,, ,, ...	7 ...	1

*Members of the Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.	March 31, 1897.	March 31, 1898.	Increase.
A. Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	429 ...	465 ...	36
B. Topography, Travels, Antiquities	511 ...	585 ...	74
C. History, Biography ...	1149 ...	1232 ...	83
D. Law, Sociology, Education, &c.,	272 ...	286 ...	24
E. Natural & Mathematical Sciences	487 ...	642 ...	155
F. Fine and Recreative Arts ...	521 ...	535 ...	14
G. Useful and Constructive Arts ..	305 ...	328 ...	23
H. Language and Literature ...	129 ...	137 ...	8
J. Poetry and the Drama ...	364 ...	369 ..	5
K. Prose Fiction, and Juvenile Literature	4152 ...	4423 ...	271
L. Miscellaneous & Collected Works	757 ...	999 ...	242
Totals	9076	10001	925

Since the opening of the Library on the 1st January, 1895, 4284 volumes have been added.

Issue of Books in the LENDING LIBRARY from January 1st, 1897, to December 31st, 1897.

MONTH.	Days open.	A Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B Topography and Travels.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Math. Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language, Literature & Elocution	J Poetry and the Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
January	26	151	318	481	54	265	245	151	48	172	11255	572	13712
February	24	187	363	522	77	230	286	147	61	174	10239	497	12783
March	27	180	394	527	83	245	271	137	50	162	11148	522	13719
April	24	157	292	445	42	212	207	123	50	152	10460	543	12683
May	26	133	288	434	33	215	221	125	48	130	9967	578	12172
June	20	109	272	396	47	212	163	138	39	118	7444	529	9467
July	27	122	322	416	69	203	209	126	49	112	9145	640	11413
August	25	142	253	388	45	201	200	119	39	117	8027	558	10089
September	26	127	229	396	45	202	189	120	41	118	8358	539	10364
October	26	159	252	451	82	226	219	114	60	124	9040	534	11261
November	26	186	271	539	58	249	260	136	49	145	9074	561	11528
December	25	180	288	493	75	193	229	135	62	130	8946	580	11311
Total	**302**	**1833**	**3542**	**5488**	**710**	**2653**	**2699**	**1571**	**596**	**1654**	**113103**	**6653**	**140502**
Reference		170	64	133	16	50	65	14	30	14	5	226	787
Travelling Library, Jan. 10, Mch. 31, 1898.	70	11	81	65	6	42	8	19	—	12	1710	38	1992

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are presented.

Daily.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbrn B.	Westbrn B.
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1
Daily Graphic	1	1		1
Daily Mail	1	1	1	1
Daily News	1	1		1
Echo	1	1	1	
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1		
Standard	1	1		1
Star	1	1	1	
Times	1	1	1	1
Westminster	1	1		
Bi-Weekly.				
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
,, Guardian	1	1	1	1
,, Observer	1	1	1	1
Weekly.				
*Admiralty and Horse Guards' Gazette ...		1		
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1
*Amateur Photographer	1			
Athenæum	1			
Athletic News			1	1
*Bicycling News ...	1			
Birm'gh'm Weekly Post	1			
Black and White ...		1		
*British Architect ...		1		
British Weekly ..		1		
Builder	1			
Building News ...		1		
Cardiff Times	1			
Catholic Times ..		1		
Christian World ...	1	1		
Church Times		1		
*Civil Service Aspirant	1			
*Civil Service Gazette...	1			
Cycling	1			
Dublin Weekly Freeman		1		
English Mechanic ...		1	1	1
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1
Fanciers' Gazette ..		1		
Field	1		1	1
*Fishing Gazette ...			1	
Gardening	1	1		
Gentlewoman	1			
Gd. T'mpl'r's Watchwd.		1	1	
Graphic	1	1		
Guardian	1			

Weekly—*continued.*	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbrn B.	Westbrne B.
Hampshire Chronicle...		1		
*Herald of the Golden Age	1	1		
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	1	1	1
*Illustrated Carpenter and Builder ...		1		
Illustrated Lond'n News	1	1		
,, Sporting and Dramatic		1		
Lady's Pictorial ...	1			
Lady		1	1	1
Literary World ...	1	1	1	1
Liverpool Weekly Post		1		
Nature	1			
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle...	1			
Punch	1	1	1	1
Scientific American ...	1			
,, Supplement ...	1			
Science Siftings ...	1			
Sketch	1	1		
Speaker	1		1	1
Spectator				
*Tablet	1	1		
Truth	1			
*Vegetarian		1	1	1
Weekly Scotsman ...		1		
Western Gazette ...		1		
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1	1	1
		1		

List of Periodicals, etc. *(continued).*

Those marked with an Asterisk (*) are presented.

Monthly.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbrn B.	Westbrne B.
Art Journal	1			
Cassell's Family Mag....		1	1	1
Century	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1		
Contemporary Review...	1	1		
Fortnightly Review ..	1	1		
Gentleman's Magazine...	1			
Good Words	1	1	1	1
Harper's Magazine ..	1	1	1	1
*Labour Gazette ...			1	
Magazine of Art ...	1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1		
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1		
Pearson's Magazine ...			1	1
Photogram	1			
Review of Reviews ...	1	1		
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1		
Strand		1	1	1
Studio	1			
*Travel	1			
*Troubadour	1			
*Verulam Review ...	1			
Directories.				
*Advertiser's A.B.C. ...	1	1		
Bournemouth Directory	1			
*Building Trades ...	1			
Clerical Directory ...	1			
Hampshire Directory ...	1			
Hart's Army List ...	1			
London Directory ..	1			
L'nd'n Suburban Directory	1			
Medical Directory ...	1			
*Scholastic Directory ...	1			
*Stubb's Directory ...	1	1		

Railway Time Tables.	Central.	Boscombe B.
Bradshaw's Guide	1	1
*Caledonian	1	1
*Great Northern	1	1
*Great Western	1	1
*London and North Western ...	1	1
*Midland	1	1
*North British	1	1
*London and South Western ..	1	1
—o—		
*Bournemouth Guardian ...	1	
*B'rnemouth Visitors' Directory	1	
*Bournemouth Observer ...	1	
*C.E.W.M.U. Gazette ..	1	
*Bournemouth Amusements ...	1	1
*Visitors' Programme of Daily Events	1	

List of Donors, 1897-8.

	No. of Vols.
Birch, Dr., Chine Crescent Road	128
Booth, A., London	1
Bournemouth Scientific Society	400
Brassey, Hon. T. A., Battle Sussex	1
Brinsmead, Mr. E., the Author	1
Danson, J. T., the Author	1
Dibben, Mr. H., Madeira Road	13
Dougall, F. H., the Author	1
Ferrari, Mr. P., Orchard Street	4
Heywood, Col. J. M., Bourne Hall	1
Malan, Mrs., West Cliff Hall	1
Mather and Crowther, Publishers, London ...	1
Meyrick, Rev. Fr., Derby Road	1
Potter, C., the Author	1
Ransome, Dr. A., Dean Park	32
Ridley, Mr. J. R., Southampton	34
Sessions, Mr. F., Boscombe	1
Sherry, Mr. A., Winton	2
Shiller, Mr. F., Old Christchurch Road ...	1
Shuttleworth, Mrs., Devonshire Park	1
Southby, Miss E., Cavendish Road	3
Tennant, Mrs. R. H., Hinton Road	4
Thatcher, Major H., Suffolk Terrace	1
Whitting, Mr. C. J., the Author	1

Libraries, Public—Reports, etc.

Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Bristol, Bromley, Cambridge, Carlisle, Colchester, Croydon, Dundee, Ealing, Edinburgh, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hove, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leamington Spa, Leeds. **London**—Clerkenwell, Cripplegate Institute, Fulham, Hammersmith, Harlesden, Poplar, Rotherhithe, Shoreditch, Southwark, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Whitechapel; Lincoln, Manchester, chester, Preston, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rochdale, Southport, St Helens, West Ham, Wigan,

Some of the Additions to the Reference Department during the Year.

Bacon, Atlas of the British Isles.
Bewick, Birds.
Bree, Birds of Europe.
Burnet, Treatise on Painting.
Camden, Britannia.
Dante, Inferno ; illustrated by Doré.
Dresser, Birds of Europe.
Dresser, Studies in Design.
Dugdale, Monasticon.
Encyclopædic Dictionary.
Guillim, Display of Heraldry.
Hamerton, Etching and Etchers.
Hogarth, Works ; large folio ed.
Illustrated London News ; complete set.
Milton, Paradise Lost ; illustrated by Doré.
Nash, Mansions of England.
Punch ; complete set.
Racinet, Polychromatic Ornament.
Roscoe and Schorlemmer, Chemistry.
Sowerby, Botany.
Smith and Grove, Atlas of Ancient Geography
Speaker's Commentary.
Spon, Dictionary of Engineering.
Waring, Masterpieces of Industrial Art.

Abstract of Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 31st, 1897 ...	370	10	5			
,, Balance in Librarian's hands, March 31st, 1897 ...	6	16	0			
				377	6	5
,, Amounts received from Rate—Balance for half-year ending March 25th, 1897 ...	76	18	0			
,, Rate for half-year ending September 30th, 1897 ...	675	0	0			
,, Rate for half-year ending March 31st, 1898 ...	650	0	0			
				1401	18	0
By Bank Interest				9	18	11
,, Subscriptions	10	12	6			
,, Fines, etc.	85	13	7			
,, Sale of Wastepaper ...	8	18	10			
,, Sale of Catalogues ...	4	1	6			
				109	6	5
			£	1898	9	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries	278	11	3			
,, Books	379	9	4			
,, Bookbinding	77	2	7			
,, Periodicals	114	1	11			
,, Caretaker and Cleaning ...	81	14	3			
,, Coal and Wood	23	4	6			
,, Electric Light	37	19	10			
,, Furniture, Fittings and Repairs	179	15	10			
,, Gas and Water	23	18	6			
,, Insurance	3	13	5			
,, Petty Cash	10	7	1			
,, Printing and Stationery ..	37	14	2			
,, Rent and Taxes	279	6	2			
,, Miscellaneous	24	2	6			
				1551	1	4
Balance in Treasurer's hands ...	338	9	6			
,, Librarian's hands ...	8	18	11			
				347	8	5
			£	1898	9	9

BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Library Committee,

1898-99.

BOURNEMOUTH:
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth (1891), 37,781. Present (estimated), 58,820.
Area of Borough, 2,592·6 acres.
Valuation of Borough, £375,295.
Public Libraries' Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established

PUBLICATIONS:—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.
Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895. 2*d.*
Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. 2*d.*
Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, Jan., 1896. 6*d.*
Annual Reports, 1893-94, 1894-95, 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8.

Committee.

Chairman: REV. CANON ELIOT, M.A.

Vice-Chairmen: *MR. J. H. RALPH SMYTHE, J.P. *Mr. CHARLES T. MILES.
SIR MATTHEW DODSWORTH, BART. MR. C. H. MATE.
DR. G. A. GEORGE. REV. W. VENIS ROBINSON, B.A.
MR. G. GALPIN. *MR. M. J. ROKER.
*MR. G. J. LAWSON, C.C. *MR. H. C. STOCKLEY, J.P.
MR. C. J. WHITTING.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.

Sub-Librarian: JOSEPH FARADAY.

Assistants: WILLIAM SAYERS, WILLIAM WILDING, HUGH STEVENSON, ARTHUR HAWKES.

Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

To the Mayor and Corporation

OF THE

Borough of Bournemouth.

THE Committee of the Bournemouth Public Library report to the Council that the work of the Library has been carried on during another year under great disadvantages.

The hope which the Committee entertained of entering into more suitable premises has not been fulfilled. They forbear saying anything more on this subject, as the Council is already in possession of all the facts and reasons which can be urged in favour of an immediate provision of more suitable premises.

During the year there have been 139,597 issues, as compared with 140,502 during the previous year.

The Branch reading rooms have been supplied with libraries, and the temporary system of circulation has been accordingly superseded. The branch libraries are much appreciated by the residents in their respective localities. It is proposed to change the stock of each branch library every six months.

The reading rooms at Springbourne and Westbourne are not used as extensively as was expected when they were opened. That now at Boscombe is highly appreciated, and used by large numbers of people. Sometimes, indeed, the room is inconveniently crowded.

During the year, 440 volumes have been added to the Lending Department, 249 to the Reference Department, and 1,228 to the Branches.

People of all classes avail themselves of the Library, and although the percentage of works of fiction is large, when compared with other books read by borrowers, still it is not larger than is found elsewhere, and the Committee are glad to learn that books of a more serious and useful character find a large number of readers.

The large increase of volumes since the last catalogue was issued necessitates a new catalogue, which is now in process of preparation.

The numbers of the staff remain unchanged, and the Open Access System still gives satisfaction to the public, and entails no loss or inconvenience on the library.

W. ELIOT, *Chairman.*

Attendances of Committee, April 1, 1898 - March 31, 1899.

	Summoned to.	Attended.
Rev. Canon Eliot, M.A., *Chairman* ...	40 ...	11
*Mr. J. H. R. Smythe, J.P., *Vice-Chairman*	28 ...	16
*Mr. C. T. Miles, *Vice-Chairman* ...	25 ...	19
Dr. G. A. George	28 ...	10
*Mr. G. J. Lawson, C.C.	25 ...	16
*Mr. M. J. Roker	24 ...	8
*Mr. H. C. Stockley, J.P.	25 ...	24
Mr. C. J. Whitting	28 ...	22
Sir Matthew Dodsworth, Bart. (Nov. 1898).	12 ...	4
Mr. G. Galpin ,,	12 ...	7
*Mr. C. H. Mate ,,	16 ...	9
Rev. W. Venis Robinson, B.A. ,,	16 ...	12
Mr. T. J. Hankinson, J.P. (Retired Nov. 1898)	12 ...	—
*Mr. C. J. Haydon ,,	12 ...	—
Mr. H. H. Odling ,,	12 ...	4
Mr. J. C. Webber ,,	12 ...	6

*Members of the Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.		March 31, 1899.
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History ...	493
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities	630
C.	History, Biography	1,366
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, &c.	308
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences ...	718
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	560
H.	Useful and Constructive Arts	346
G.	Language and Literature	148
J.	Poetry and the Drama	384
K.	Prose Fiction, and Juvenile Literature ...	4,660
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works ...	828
	Totals	10,441

Since the opening of the Library on the 1st January, 1895, 4,824 volumes have been added.

Issue of Books in the LENDING LIBRARY, from Jan. 1st, 1898, to Dec. 31st, 1898.

MONTH.	Days open.	A Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B Topography and Travels.	C History and Biography,	D Social Science.	E Natural and Math. Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language, Literature, and Elocution.	I Poetry and the Drama.	K Prose Fiction, and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.	BRANCHES. Boscombe.	BRANCHES. Westbourne.	BRANCHES. Springbourne.	TOTAL. Central and Branches.	
January	26	195	314	520	76	240	261	140	56	163	9647	605	12217	114	104	71	289	12506
February	24	219	285	530	55	229	222	140	59	153	8329	542	10763	337	227	152	716	11479
March	27	231	357	607	87	262	261	171	63	205	9320	581	12145	480	309	198	987	13132
April	25	190	318	486	113	248	193	134	57	168	8899	527	11333	465	213	190	868	12201
May	26	165	262	408	97	245	191	106	53	171	8276	458	10432	536	266	184	986	11418
June	26	123	276	373	67	229	193	136	46	122	8097	450	10112	493	270	169	932	11044
July	26	118	231	382	60	155	165	90	22	96	7820	447	9586	587	224	162	973	10559
August	26	69	218	307	53	137	183	69	29	76	7614	370	9125	522	227	152	901	10026
September	26	92	243	352	69	164	183	95	49	90	7904	435	9678	622	306	170	1098	10776
October	26	139	263	468	72	198	209	92	48	107	8803	513	10912	579	320	193	1092	12004
November	26	152	257	469	77	205	219	109	48	108	9049	466	11159	742	263	228	1233	12392
December	26	134	225	457	65	205	218	79	30	131	8797	517	10858	683	277	242	1202	12060
Total	**310**	**1827**	**3251**	**5359**	**891**	**2517**	**2498**	**1361**	**560**	**1590**	**102555**	**5911**	**128320**	**6160**	**3006**	**2111**	11277	139597
Reference		193	108	95	16	156	136	33	56	47	9	330	1178				Ref. 1178	Total 140775

Occupations of New Borrowers, 1899.

Accountants	7
Agents	9
Analyst	1
Architects and Surveyors	15
Artists	11
Assistant Librarians	5
Auctioneers	4
Authors	3
Bakers	8
Bank Officials	4
Barmaid	1
Bill Posters	2
Billiard Marker	1
Blacksmiths	1
Bookbinders	1
Booksellers and Stationers	11
Bootmakers	7
Bookkeepers	20
Borough Officials	5
Brewers	2
Builders	6
Butchers	6
Butlers	8
Cabdrivers	3
Cabinet Makers	13
Caretakers	9
Carpenters and Joiners	20
Cellarmen	3
Cashiers	15
Chefs	3
Chemists and Assistants	22
China Dealers	2
Clergymen	10
Clerks	113
Coachbuilders	2
Coachmen	5
Coal Merchants	3
Companions	11
Confectioners	14
Cooks	4
Costumiers	9
Dairymen	4
Dentists	5
Drapers and Assistants	52
Dressmakers	64
Drill Instructor	1
Electricians	8
Engineers	9
Errand Boys	10
Fishmongers	2
Florists	4
Footmen	6
French Polishers	2
French Teachers	12
Fruiterers	4
Gardeners	5
Gasfitters	7
Governesses	19
Greengrocers	3
Grocers and Assistants	22
Grooms	4
Hair Dressers	6
Hosiers and Hatters	3
Hospital Nurses	11
Housekeepers	21
Hotel Proprietors	7
Inland Revenue Officers	4
Inspectors	4
Ironmongers	11
Journalists	6
Labourers	6
Lamplighters	2
Lodging-house Keepers	52
Magistrates	2
Managers	14
Mariners	4
Masseuse	1
Merchants	6
Milliners	18
Musicians	21
Naval and Military Officers	12
Nurses	13
Organists	8
Outfitters	10
Page Boys	4
Painters and Decorators	17
Pawnbrokers	2
Photographers	23
Physicians and Surgeons	15
Pianoforte Tuners	5
Picture Frame Makers	2
Plumbers	10
Policeman	1
Porters	8
Postmen	5
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists	16
Poulterers	2
Printers and Compositors	30
Professors of Music	9
Railway Officials	11
Restaurant Keepers	5

Occupations of New Borrowers, 1899.

Saddlers	3
Salesmen	19
Scholars	115
Schoolmasters	15
Schoolmistresses	20
Secretaries	10
Servants	155
Sextons	2
Shop Assistants	76
Shop Keepers (various) ...	13
Solicitors	12
Stewards	2
Stone Masons	2
Students...	28
Surveyors	4
Tailors	16
Taxidermists	2
Teachers and Tutors ...	46
Telegraph Messengers ...	9
Telephone Operators ...	3
Tobacconists	3
Travellers	2
Typists	2
Umbrella Maker	1
Upholsterers	7
Waiters	4
Waitresses	3
Watchmaker and Jewellers ...	17
Wine Merchants	5
Not Stated (principally Ratepayers)...	2102
	3585

Number of Ratepayers	1086
,, of Non-ratepayers	2499
,, of Borrowers (from Central Library) in West Cliff Ward...	694
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, Branksome ,, ...	449
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, Central ,, ...	783
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, East Cliff ,, ...	494
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, Boscombe ,, ...	651
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, Springbourne,, ...	514

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

DAILY.	Central.	Boscombe B	Springb'ne B	Westb'rne B
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1
Daily Graphic	1	1	1	1
Daily Mail	1	1	1	1
Daily News	1	1	1	1
Echo	1	1	1	...
Morning Leader ...	1	1	...	...
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1	...	...
Standard	1	1	1	1
Star	1	1	1	...
Times	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1	...	1
BI-WEEKLY.				
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
,, Guardian	1	1	1	1
,, Observer	1	1	1	1
WEEKLY.				
*Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette ...	...	1	...	...
Amateur Gardening ...	...	...	1	1
*Amateur Photographer	1	...	...	...
Athenæum	1	...	...	...
Athletic News	...	...	1	1
*Bicycling News ...	1	...	...	...
Birming'm Weekly Post	1	...	...	...
Black and White ...	...	1	1	1
*British Architect ...	...	1	...	...
British Weekly ...	...	1	...	...
Builder	1	...	1	1
Building News... ...	...	1	1	...
*Canadian Gazette ...	...	...	1	...

WEEKLY.	Central.	Boscombe B	Springb'ne B	Westb'rne B
Cardiff Times	1	...	...	...
Catholic Times ...	1	1	...	...
Christian World ...	1	1	...	...
Church Times	...	1	...	...
*Civil Service Aspirant...	1	...	...	...
*Civil Service Gazette ...	1	...	...	...
Cycling	1	...	...	...
Dublin Weekly Freeman ...	1	...	...	...
English Mechanic ...	...	1	1	1
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1
Fanciers' Gazette ...	...	1	...	...
Field	1	...	...	1
*Fishing Gazette ...	...	...	1	...
Gardening	1	1	...	...
Gentlewoman	1	...	...	...
Graphic...	1	1	...	...
Guardian	1	...	...	...
Hampshire Chronicle ...	...	1	...	...
*Herald of the Gold'n Age	1	...	...	...
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	1	1	1
*Illustrated Carpenter and Builder	...	1	...	...
Illustrated Lond'n News	1	1	...	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic	...	1	...	...
Ladies' Pictorial ...	1	...	...	...
Lady	...	1	1	1
Literary World ...	1	1	1	1
Liverpool Weekly Post ...	1	...	...	...

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe B	Springb'ne B	Westb'rne B
*Madame	1	...	...	...
Nature	1	...	...	...
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle ...	1	...	...	...
Punch	1	1	1	1
Scientific American ...	1	1	...	...
,, Supplement ...	1	1	...	...
Science Siftings ...	1	1	...	...
Sketch	1	1	1	1
Speaker	1	...	...	...
Spectator	...	1	...	...
*Tablet	1	1	...	...
Truth	1	1	1	1
*Vegetarian	...	1	...	...
Weekly Scotsman ...	...	1	...	...
Western Gazette ...	...	1	1	1
Western Chronicle ...	1	...	...	...
Yorkshire Weekly Post...	...	1	...	...

Monthly.	Central.	Boscombe B	Springb'ne B	Westb'rne B
Art Journal	1	...	...	...
Cassell's Family Mag....	...	1	1	1
Century	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1	...	...
Contemporary Review	1	1	...	...
Fortnightly Review ...	1	1	...	...
Gentleman's Magazine	1	...	...	...
Good Words	1	1	1	1
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
*Labour Gazette ...	...	...	1	...
Magazine of Art ...	1	...	...	...
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1	...	...
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1	...	...
Pearson's Magazine ...	...	...	1	1
Photogram	1	...	...	...
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1
Scribner's Magazine ..	1	1	...	...
Strand	...	1	1	1
Studio	1	...	...	...
*Travel	...	...	1	...
*Troubadour	1	...	...	...
*Verulam Review ...	1	...	...	...

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

Directories.	Central.	Boscombe B	Springb'ne B	Westb'rne B
*Advertisers, A B C ...	1	1	...	...
Bournemouth Directory	1	...	...	...
*Building Trades ...	1	...	...	...
Clerical Directory ...	1	...	...	...
*Dentists' Register ...	1	1	...	...
Kelly's Hants, Wilts, and Dorset ...	1	...	...	...
London Directory ...	1	1	...	...
London Sub. Directory	1	...	...	...
*Medical Register ...	1	1	...	...
*Peek's Trades Direct'ry	1	...	...	...
*Scholastic Directory ...	1	1	...	...
*Stubbs' Directory ...	1	...	...	...
Upholsterers, Furniture and Cabinet Makers' Directory ...	1	...	...	...

Railway Time Tables.	Central.	Boscombe B	Springb'ne B	Westb'rne B
Bradshaw	1	1	...	...
*Caledonian	1	1	...	...
*Great Northern ...	1	1	...	...
*Great Western ...	1	1	...	...
*London & N. Western	1	1	...	...
*Midland	1	1	...	...
*North British ...	1	1	...	...
*London & S. Western	1	1	...	...
*Bournemouth Guardian	1	...	...	...
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory ...	1	...	...	...
*Bournemouth Observer	1	...	...	...
*Bournemouth Amusements	1	1	...	...
*Visitors' Programme of Daily Events ...	1	1	...	...
*University Extension Journal	1	...	...	...
*Animals' Friend ...	...	1	...	...
*Journal of Balneology and Climatology ...	1	1	...	...
*Strad	1	...	...	...
*Musical Times ...	1	...	...	...

List of Donors.

	No. of Vols.
Bellairs, Rev. H. S. K., Westbourne	142
Birge, Mr. E. A., Wisconsin, U.S.A.	3
Brassey, Hon. T. A., Battle, Sussex	6
Brown, Mr. F. B., Publisher	1
Brown, Rev., Lansdowne Road	50
Chambers & Bros., Publishers	1
Colenso, Rev. W., Author	1
Cotton, Mrs. E., Knyveton Road	25
Cridland, Mr. F. H., Parkstone	12
Ellis, Mr. Charles	1
Hants County Council	1
Heywood, Col., Southcliffe Road	5
Lacey, Mr. F. W., Borough Surveyor...	4
Miller, Mr. W. T. C., Moorland Road	6
Pitt-Rivers, Lieut. General, Larmer	1
Sedgewick, Mrs., Moorland Road	2
Snudden, Miss, Boscombe	21
Tebb, Dr. Scott, Boscombe	1

Libraries, Public—Reports, etc.

Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bootle, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Carlisle, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Exeter, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Glasgow (Stirling Public Library), Great Yarmouth, Hove, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln. *London*—Battersea, Bishopsgate, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Cripplegate, Fulham, Hammersmith, Shoreditch, Southwark, St. George (Hanover Square), St. Giles, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Walthamstow;—Middlesborough, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond, Southampton, Southport, Stoke Newington, West Ham.

Abstract of Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 31st, 1898	313	2	4			
,, Balance in Librarian's hands, March 31st, 1898	8	9	10			
				321	12	2
,, Amounts received from Rate—Balance for half-year ending March 31st, 1898	200	0	0			
,, Rate for half-year ending September 30th, 1898	705	12	8			
,, Part of Rate for half-year ending March 31st, 1899 ...	400	0	0			
				1305	12	8
,, Bank Interest				6	4	5
,, Subscriptions	10	4	6			
,, Fines, etc.	85	8	6			
,, Sale of Wastepaper ...	5	3	10			
,, Sale of Catalogues	2	13	6			
				103	10	4
				£1736	19	7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries	279	5	6			
,, Books	308	16	4			
,, Bookbinding	57	19	7			
,, Periodicals	138	17	11			
,, Caretakers and Cleaning ...	123	13	2			
,, Coal and Wood	11	11	10			
,, Electric Light	30	15	0			
,, Furniture, Fittings and Repairs	73	17	8			
,, Gas and Water	45	14	5			
,, Insurance	1	5	6			
,, Petty Cash Disbursements ...	12	14	9			
,, Printing and Stationery ...	30	11	6			
,, Rent and Taxes	285	15	0			
,, Miscellaneous	7	6	6			
,, Carriage of Branch Books ...	26	14	0			
				1434	18	8
Balance in Treasurer's hands ...	298	15	10			
,, Librarian's hands ...	3	5	1			
				302	0	11
				£1736	19	7

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Library Committee,

1899-1900.

BOURNEMOUTH:
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth (1891), 37,781. Present (estimated), 58,820.
Area of Borough, 2,592·6 acres.
Valuation of Borough, £382,098
Public Libraries' Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.

PUBLICATIONS:—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.
Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895. *2d.*
Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. *2d.*
Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, Jan., 1896. *6d.*
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1900. *6d.*
Annual Reports, 1893-94, 1894-95, 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8, 1898-9.

Committee.

Chairman: MR. C. J. WHITTING.

Vice-Chairmen: MR. J. H. RALPH SMYTHE, J.P. MR. CHARLES T. MILES.

*DR. GEORGE FROST.
DR. G. A. GEORGE.
MR. G. GALPIN.
*MR. G. J. LAWSON.
*MR. W. MATTOCKS, J.P.
MR. C. H. MATE.
*DR. A. KINSEY-MORGAN.
REV. W. VENIS ROBINSON, B.A.
*MR. H. C. STOCKLEY, J.P.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.
Sub-Librarian: JOSEPH FARADAY.
Assistants: WILLIAM SAYERS, WILLIAM WILDING, HUGH STEVENSON, ARTHUR HAWKES.
Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

TO THE MAYOR,

ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Library Committee herewith beg to present detailed particulars of the year's work ending March 31st, 1900.

It will be seen that the Library continues to be very popular with all classes in the Borough, in spite of the extremely unsuitable character of the Central premises. A large proportion of the 3,909 borrowers entered upon the register are drawn from the wage-earning members of the community, and during the year 119,647 volumes have been issued, making a total since the opening (January 1st, 1895) of 668,795 volumes.

The proposed extension of the first floor over the adjoining house will enable the Committee to largely increase the size of the Public Reading Room, and also for the first time to provide reasonable accommodation for students in the Reference Department, and for lady readers, until the time when the Library is worthily located in the projected Municipal Buildings.

The development of Branch Libraries in connection with the Public Newsrooms at Boscombe, Westbourne, and Springbourne is much appreciated

by residents in those districts. Considerable additions have recently been made to the stock of books at the branches, and the issues from them for the year show an increase of 4,693 volumes over those of 1898-9.

Some structural and other alterations are about to be carried out at Boscombe, which will add considerably to the comfort of the large number of readers who frequent the newsroom, and give additional space for readers. The Committee are now considering the best means of improving the Springbourne Branch.

During the year 175 volumes have been added to the Reference and 614 volumes to the Lending Library. The public interest in the Transvaal Campaign has been met by the provision of duplicated copies of standard works upon South Africa, and a supply of extra newspapers since the outbreak of hostilities.

A new Catalogue of books in the Central Library, containing 232 pages, has been compiled by the Librarian, to whom great credit is due for its admirable arrangement. The Reference Library now contains 1,490, and the Lending Department 11,055 volumes, a total (including 2,386 at the Branches) of 14,931.

The system of allowing borrowers free access to the shelves, adopted when the Library was opened, is generally appreciated. It has led to no loss worth mentioning, and in practice secures expeditious and economical results, in addition to possessing a distinct educational value.

The Library Staff has undergone no change during the year, but the Committee regret to have lost the assistance of an esteemed colleague by the resignation of Canon Eliot, who was one of the original members, and Chairman for three years.

C. J. WHITTING,

Chairman.

Attendances of Committee, April 1, 1899—March 31, 1900.

	Summoned to.	Attended.
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman*	33	32
Mr. J. H. R. Smythe, J.P., *Vice-Chairman*	25	15
Mr. C. T. Miles, *Vice-Chairman*	28	24
*Dr. George Frost	10	6
Dr. G. A. George	24	10
*Dr. A. Kinsey-Morgan	10	5
Rev. W. V. Robinson, B.A.	25	16
Mr. George Galpin	24	14
*Mr. G. J. Lawson	28	16
*Mr. C. H. Mate	24	16
*Mr. William Mattocks, J.P.	10	6
*Mr. H. C. Stockley, J.P.	28	23
Sir Matthew Dodsworth, Bart. (Retired, November, 1899)	14	4
Rev. Canon Eliot, M.A. (Retired, November, 1899)	21	4
*Mr. M. J. Roker (Retired, Nov., 1899)	14	—

* Members of the Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.		March 31, 1900.
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	517
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities	695
C.	History, Biography	1,450
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, &c.	327
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences	744
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	659
H.	Useful and Constructive Arts	375
G.	Language and Literature	171
J.	Poetry and the Drama	398
K.	Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	4,847
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works	872
		11,055
	Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries	2,386
	,, ,, in Reference Library	1,490
	TOTAL	14,931

Issue of BOOKS in the LENDING LIBRARY, from Jan. 1st, 1899, to Dec. 31st, 1899.

Month.	Days Open.	A Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B Topography and Travels.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language, Literature & Elocution.	J Poetry and the Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous.	Total.	Branches. Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Total. Branches	Total. Central and Branches	Average Daily Issue.
January ...	26	146	275	477	77	180	259	104	30	140	8881	447	11016	712	316	227	1255	12271	479
February ...	24	139	238	458	82	188	204	100	40	132	8009	448	10038	637	329	258	1224	11262	469
March ...	26	180	274	428	73	204	231	126	39	110	8768	435	10868	659	383	286	1328	12196	469
April ..	24	118	234	379	70	167	168	99	40	98	8593	411	10377	679	331	273	1273	11650	481
May ...	26	99	235	367	48	208	143	91	35	87	8336	395	10044	748	346	285	1379	11423	439
June ...	26	96	191	356	33	158	145	80	33	70	7993	321	9476	664	353	213	1230	10736	411
July ...	26	96	210	306	41	160	131	86	33	92	8019	314	9488	644	355	223	1212	10700	412
August ...	26	97	210	324	34	141	144	74	27	61	7603	305	9020	675	350	231	1256	10276	395
September...	26	116	209	380	58	171	164	112	23	77	7879	284	9473	729	371	277	1377	10850	417
October ...	26	116	238	424	74	195	199	105	40	109	8087	367	9954	775	420	173	1368	11322	435
November...	26	95	275	504	67	249	239	100	44	123	8526	457	10669	803	503	298	1602	12281	471
December...	24	85	232	397	47	141	219	70	41	95	7512	375	9214	841	389	214	1444	10658	444
Total	306	1383	2821	4800	704	2162	2246	1147	425	1194	98206	4559	119647	8586	4446	2958	15978	~~13561~~ 136861	443
Reference ...		17	120	132	164	83	98	73	164	59	1	325	1236	856		Reference Total		1236 ~~13685~~	

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Occupations of New Borrowers, 1899.

Accountants ...	10
Agents ...	12
Analysts ...	2
Architects and Surveyors	17
Artists ...	13
Assistant Librarians ...	5
Auctioneers ...	8
Authors ...	4
Bakers ...	11
Bank Officials ...	7
Barmaids ...	6
Bill Posters ...	2
Billiard Markers ...	2
Blacksmiths ...	2
Bookbinder ...	1
Booksellers ...	16
Bootmakers ...	6
Book-keepers ...	22
Borough Officials ...	12
Brewers ..	1
Builders ...	6
Butchers ...	9
Butlers ...	12
Cabdrivers ...	2
Cabinet Makers ...	15
Caretakers ...	11
Carpenters and Joiners...	22
Cashiers ...	19
Cellarmen ...	2
Chefs ...	2
Chemists and Assistants	18
China Dealers ...	4
Clergymen ...	19
Clerks ...	119
Coachbuilders ...	2
Coachmen ...	7
Coal Merchants ...	2
Companions ...	13
Confectioners ...	16
Cooks ...	14
Costumiers ...	11
Dairymen ...	3
Dentists ..	6
Drapers and Assistants	65
Dressmakers...	61
Electricians ...	9
Engineers ...	10
Errand Boys...	14
Fishmongers ...	5
Florists ...	4
Footmen ...	8
French Polishers ...	2
French Teachers ...	15
Fruiterers ...	3
Gardeners ...	7
Gasfitters ...	4
Governesses ...	49
Greengrocers ..	3
Grocers and Assistants	32
Grooms ...	9
Hairdressers...	7
Hosiers and Hatters ...	3
Hospital Nurses ...	12
Housekeepers ...	23
Hotel Proprietors ...	6
Inland Revenue Officers	3
Inspectors ...	4
Ironmongers ...	12
Journalists ...	7
Labourers ...	9
Lamplighters ...	2
Lodging-house Keepers	61
Magistrates ...	5
Managers ...	17
Mariners ...	8
Masseuses ...	2
Merchants ...	5
Milliners ...	19
Mineral Water Manufacturers ...	3
Musicians ...	24
Naval & Military Officers	14

Nurses	22
Organists	5
Outfitters	11
Page Boys	6
Painters and Decorators	19
Pawnbrokers ...	2
Photographers ...	25
Physicians and Surgeons	17
Pianoforte Tuners ...	12
Picture Frame Makers...	3
Plumbers	11
Policemen	2
Porters	12
Postmen	7
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists ...	18
Poulterers	5
Printers & Compositors	33
Professors of Music ...	15
Railway Officials ...	14
Restaurant Keepers ...	4
Saddlers	1
Salesmen	21
Scholars	123
Schoolmasters ...	17
Schoolmistresses ...	22
Secretaries	11
Servants	145
Sexton	1
Shop Assistants ...	84
Shopkeepers (various) ...	12
Solicitors	14
Stewards	3
Stonemasons... ...	4
Students	33
Surveyors	6
Tailors	21
Taxidermists... ...	3
Teachers and Tutors ...	53
Telegraph Messengers...	13
Telephone Operators ...	2
Tobacconists... ...	5
Travellers	6
Typists	7
Umbrella Makers ...	2
Upholsterers... ...	9
Waiters	6
Waitresses	3
Watchmakers & Jewellers	15
Wine Merchants ...	8
Not stated ...	1,964
TOTAL ...	3,909

No. of Ratepayers 1,244

No. of Non-Ratepayers (including compound householders) 2,665

No. of Borrowers at Central Library.

West Cliff Ward	746
Branksome Ward	527
Central Ward	939
East Cliff Ward	553
Boscombe Ward...	732
Springbourne Ward	612
No. of Borrowers at Boscombe Branch ...	330
,, at Westbourne Branch ...	174
,, at Springbourne Branch ...	112
Branches	616
Central	3,909
TOTAL ...	4,525

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked ‡ are exchanged mid-weekly.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

Daily.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbourne B.	Westbourne B.
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1
Daily Graphic ...	1	1	1	1
Daily Mail	1	1	1	1
Daily News	1	1	1	1
Daily Telegraph ...	1	1	—	—
Echo	1	1	1	—
Morning Herald ...	—	1	—	—
Morning Leader ...	1	1	—	—
Morning Post ...	—	1	—	—
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1	—	—
Standard	1	1	1	1
Star	1	1	1	—
Times	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1	—	1
Bi-Weekly.				
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
,, ,, Guardian	1	1	1	1
,, ,, Observer	1	1	1	1
Weekly.				
*Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette	—	1	—	—
Amateur Gardening ...	—	—	1	1
*Amateur Photographer	1	—	—	—
Athenæum	1‡	1‡	—	—
Athletic News ...	—	—	1	1
*Bicycling News ...	1	—	—	—
Birmingham Weekly Post	1	—	—	—

Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbourne B.	Westbourne B.
Black and White ...	—	1	1	1
*British Architect ...	—	1	—	—
British Weekly ...	—	1	—	—
Builder...	1‡	1‡	1	1
Building News ...	1‡	1‡	1	—
*Canadian Gazette ...	—	—	1	—
Cardiff Times	1	—	—	—
Catholic Times ...	1	1	—	—
Christian World ...	1	1	—	—
Church Times ...	—	1	—	—
*Civil Service Aspirant	1	—	—	—
*Civil Service Gazette	1	—	—	—
Cycling	1	—	—	—
English Mechanic ...	—	1	1	1
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...	—	1	—	—
Field	1	1‡	—	1‡
*Fishing Gazette ...	—	—	1	—
Gardening	1	1	—	—
Gentlewoman	1	1	—	—
Graphic	1	1	—	—
Guardian	1‡	1‡	—	—
Hampshire Chronicle	—	1	—	—
*Herald of the Golden Age	—	—	1	—
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	—	1	1
*Illustrated Carpenter and Builder...	—	1	—	—
*Illustrated London News ...	1	1	1	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic	—	1	—	—
Ladies' Pictorial ...	1	—	—	—
Lady	—	1	1	1

List of Periodicals, etc.—*continued.*

Weekly. Those marked * are presented. Those marked ‡ are exchanged mid-weekly.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbourne B.	Westbourne B.
Literary World ...	1	1	—	—
Liverpool Weekly Post	—	1	—	—
*Madame	1	—	—	—
Nature	1‡	—	—	1‡
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle...	1	—	—	—
Punch	1	1	1	1
Review of the Week ...	1	1	1	1
Scientific American ...	1	1	—	—
Scientific Supplement...	1	1	—	—
Science Siftings ...	1	1	—	1
Sketch	1	1	1	1
Speaker	1‡	1‡	—	—
Spectator	1‡	1‡	—	—
Sphere	—	1	—	—
*Tablet	1	—	—	—
Truth	1	1	1	1
*Vegetarian	—	—	1	—
Weekly Scotsman ...	—	1	—	—
Western Gazette ...	—	1	1	1
Yorkshire Weekly Post	—	1	—	—

Monthly. Those marked ‡ are exchanged on the fifteenth of each month.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbourne B.	Westbourne B.
*Animal's Friend ...	—	1	—	—
Art Journal	1	—	—	—
Cassell's Family Mag.	—	1	1	1
Century	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1	—	—
Contemporary Review	1‡	1	—	1‡
Fortnightly Review ...	1‡	1	—	1‡
Gentleman's Magazine	1‡	1‡	—	—
Good Words	1	1	1	1
Harmsworth Magazine	—	1	1	—
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
Journal of Balneology, &c.	1	1	—	—
Knowledge	—	1	—	—
*Labour Gazette ...	—	1	—	—
Magazine of Art ...	1	—	—	—
Nineteenth Century ...	1‡	1	—	1‡
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1	—	—
Pearson's Magazine ...	—	—	1	1
Photogram	1	—	—	—
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1	—	—
*Strad	1	—	—	—
Strand	—	1	1	1
Studio	1	—	—	—
*Travel	—	—	1	—
*Troubadour	1	1	—	—
*Verulam Review ...	1	—	—	—

List of Periodicals, etc.—*continued.*

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

Directories.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbourne B.	Westbourne B.
*Advertisers' A B C ...	1	1	—	—
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	—	—
*Building Trades ...	1	—	—	—
Clerical Directory ...	1	—	—	—
Dentists' Register ...	1	1	—	—
Kelly's Hants, Wilts, and Dorset	1	—	—	—
London Directory ...	1	1	—	—
London Sub. Directory	1	—	—	—
*Medical Register ...	1	1	—	—
*Peck's Trades Directory	1	—	—	—
*Scholastic Directory ...	1	—	—	—
Stubb's Directory ...	1	—	—	—
Upholsterers, Furniture, and Cabinet Makers' Directory...	1	—	—	—
*Bournemouth Guardian	1	—	—	—
*Bournemouth Observer	1	—	—	—
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	1	—	—	—

Railway Time Tables.	Central.	Boscombe B.	Springbourne B.	Westbourne B.
Bradshaw	1	1	—	—
*Caledonian	1	1	—	—
*Great Northern ...	1	1	—	—
*Great Western ...	1	1	—	—
*London and North-Western	1	1	—	—
*Midland	1	1	—	—
*North British	1	1	—	—
*London and South-Western	1	1	—	—
		—	—	—
*Bournemouth Amusements	1	1	—	—
*Visitors' Programme of Daily Events ...	1	1	—	—

List of Donors.

	No. of Vols.
Barnes, Miss, Spa Road	3
Blandy, Mrs. G. T., Harrington	5
Crafer, Miss E....	3
Gates, Mrs., Alington Road	10
Hants County Council	1
Hawker, Mr., Exeter Road...	1
Hollingsworth, Mr. W. B.	3
Lacey, Mr. F. W., Borough Surveyor	16
Marston, Mrs., Cranborne Road	80
Mate & Sons, Publishers	3
Mather & Crowther, Publishers	1
Miller, Mr. W. T. B., Moorland Road	7
Punch, Miss, Brackendene...	66
Wisconsin Academy of Science	1

Libraries, Public—Reports, etc.

Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cambridge University, Carlisle, Colchester, Colombo, Croydon, Dundee, Ealing, Falmouth, Folkestone, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Glasgow (Stirling Public Library), Great Yarmouth, Harlesden, Hove, Kettering, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Hull, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leyton, Lincoln ; *London*—Battersea, Bishopsgate, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Cripplegate, Fulham, Hammersmith, Penge, Shoreditch, Southwark, St. George (Hanover Square), St. Giles, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Streatham, Tottenham, Walthamstow, West Ham, Whitechapel ; Manchester, Middlesborough, Plymouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherhithe, Smethwick, Southampton, Tynemouth, West Bromwich, Wigan.

Abstract of Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 31st, 1898	298	15	10			
,, Balance in Librarian's hands, March 31st, 1898	3	5	1			
				302	0	11
,, Amounts received from Rate—Balance for half-year ending March 31st, 1899	134	14	9			
,, Rate for half-year ending September 30th, 1899	731	10	0			
,, Part of Rate for half-year ending March 31st, 1900 ...	450	0	0			
				1316	4	9
,, Bank Interest				8	0	0
,, Subscriptions, Fines, etc. ...				103	7	5
				£1729	13	1

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries	294	13	6			
,, Books	207	8	6			
,, Bookbinding	53	5	7			
,, Periodicals...	148	15	9			
,, Caretakers and Cleaning ...	112	4	4			
,, Coal and Wood	29	8	4			
,, Electric Light	23	17	6			
,, Furniture, Fittings and Repairs	79	6	3			
,, Gas and Water	48	18	8			
,, Insurance	3	0	7			
,, Petty Cash Disbursements ...	8	14	0			
,, Printing and Stationery (including Catalogue) ...	90	4	0			
,, Rent and Taxes	289	15	0			
,, Miscellaneous	17	0	11			
				1406	12	11
Balance in Treasurer's hands ...				318	9	1
,, Librarian's hands ...				4	11	1
				£1729	13	1

County Borough of Bournemouth.

EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1900-1901.

BOURNEMOUTH:
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth (1891), 37,781. Present 47,003.
Area of Borough, 2,592·6 acres.
Valuation of Borough, £394,278.
Public Libraries' Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.

PUBLICATIONS:—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.
Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895. *2d.*
Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. *2d.*
Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, Jan., 1896. *6d.*
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1900. *6d.*
Catalogues of the Branch Libraries, 1898. *1d.* each.
Catalogue of the Boscombe Branch Library, 1901. *2d.*
Annual Reports, 1893-94, 1894-95, 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8, 1898-9, 1899-1900.

Committee.

Chairman: MR. C. J. WHITTING.

Vice-Chairmen: REV. W. VENIS ROBINSON, B. A. MR. CHARLES T. MILES.

*DR. GEORGE FROST.
DR. G. A. GEORGE.
MR. G. GALPIN.
*MR. G. J. LAWSON.
*MR. W. MATTOCKS, J.P.
*MR. C. H. MATE.
REV. J. D. JONES, M.A., B.D.
*MR. J. A. PARSONS, J.P.
*MR. H. C. STOCKLEY, J.P.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.
Sub-Librarian: WILLIAM C. SAYERS.
Assistants: WILLIAM WILDING, HUGH STEVENSON, ARTHUR HAWKES, LEWIS CORNER, ALFRED SIMS.
Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

TO THE MAYOR,

ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,—

Herewith your Public Libraries Committee beg to present their Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1901.

Satisfactory progress has been made in every branch of the Libraries. The aggregate issues have grown from 119,647 in 1899 to 143,772 volumes in the year 1900, making a grand total since the opening in 1895, of no less than 844,594 volumes.

From the appended classification of borrowers it will be seen that a large proportion belong to the wage-earning classes, and in spite of the natural preponderance of prose fiction, the issues represent an abundance of serious reading which must appreciably influence the intelligence and culture of the community.

The extension of the Central Reading Room and Reference Library to the first floor of the adjoining house has had the effect of doubling the attendance and 3,589 Reference books have been issued during the year. Nothing has been done, however, to relieve the congestion of the Lending Library, which owing to the growth of the stock, with the consequent need for more shelving, becomes more embarrassing every year. Your Committee are therefore compelled to direct the serious attention of the Council to the urgent necessity for providing more suitable premises at an early date. It is only necessary to point out the fact, that during the year just ended 117,351 books were issued at the Central Lending Library alone, to prove that the space it occupies is altogether inadequate for the convenience of either the staff or borrowers.

In view of the present uncertainty as to when the proposed Municipal Buildings (including a Public Library) will be erected, your Committee venture to remind you of the scheme for placing a temporary Library on the Horse Shoe Site. This was actually adopted by the Council on September 22nd, 1898, but was subsequently (on February 2nd, 1899) deferred until a reply had been received to the memorial for constituting Bournemouth a County Borough. The entire cost of the structure would be provided out of the Library rate without any extra burden upon the ratepayers.

As the Librarian reports it is impossible to continue the work much longer in so contracted an area, and as the lease expires on September 29th of this year, we beg respectfully to suggest that the matter should receive your immediate attention.

The three Branch Libraries and Reading Rooms are increasingly popular, that at Boscombe especially having grown to considerable importance. To meet the increased demand, a large number of books have been bought for the Branches and a new catalogue for Boscombe has recently been compiled by the Librarian. During the year we have added 100 volumes to the Reference, 1,048 to the Central Lending, and 1,304 to the Branch Libraries—a total of 2,452 volumes. The entire stock of books in the Libraries now consists of 17,383 volumes.

Your committee regret to have lost the co-operation of Mr. J. H. Ralph Smythe, J.P., who resigned his seat in November last. The Rev. W. Venis Robinson, B.A., was appointed to succeed Mr. Smythe as Chairman of the Books Sub-committee. Mr. J. Faraday having received an appointment at the Hornsey Central Library, Mr. W. C. Sayers was promoted to the position of Sub-Librarian. It is pleasant to note that two former assistants here (Messrs. Rowland Hill and S. J. Harris) have recently secured good positions as Librarians elsewhere.

C. J. WHITTING, *Chairman.*

Attendances of Committee, April 1st, 1900—March 31st, 1901.

	Summoned to.	Attended.
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman* ...	37	35
Rev. W. Venis Robinson, B.A., *Vice-Chairman*	24	19
Mr. C. T. Miles, *Vice-Chairman*	25	21
*Dr. George Frost ...	24	13
Mr. George Galpin ...	24	18
Dr. G. A. George ...	24	15
*Mr. G. J. Lawson ...	25	4
*Mr. C. H. Mate ...	24	19
*Mr. William Mattocks, J.P.	24	8
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P.	24	6
*Mr. H. C. Stockley, J.P.	25	23
Mr. J. H. Ralph Smythe, J.P. (Retired, November, 1900)	13	6
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D. (Appointed, November, 1900)	11	10

* Members of the Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.		March 31st, 1901
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	541
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities	752
C.	History, Biography ...	1,600
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, etc. ...	347
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences	794
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts ...	696
G.	Useful and Constructive Arts ...	409
H.	Language and Literature ...	195
J.	Poetry and the Drama ...	430
K.	Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	5,413
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works	926
		12,103
Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries		3,690
,, ,, in Reference Library		1,590
	TOTAL ...	17,383

Issue of BOOKS in the LENDING and REFERENCE LIBRARIES from Jan. 1st, 1900, to Dec. 31st, 1900.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language Literature & Elocution.	J Poetry and the Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous.	Total.	Branches. Boscombe.	Branches. Westbourne.	Branches. Springbourne.	Branches. Total Branches	Average Daily Issue.	Total. Central and Branches.
January ...	27	106	243	492	75	232	248	111	55	140	8988	399	11089	998	524	285	1807	477	12896
February ...	24	119	261	446	58	178	208	133	44	129	7457	407	9440	883	511	284	1678	463	11118
March ...	27	138	308	495	42	200	248	132	40	159	8749	445	10956	1031	582	326	1939	477	12895
April ...	23	110	236	371	39	155	205	101	32	90	7554	329	9222	802	482	328	1612	471	10834
May ...	27	97	253	390	48	191	199	102	29	98	7665	317	9389	1071	421	268	1760	412	11149
June ...	25	78	239	405	44	180	190	82	45	103	7512	321	9199	961	304	281	1546	425	10745
July ...	26	93	240	312	37	149	158	75	31	75	7108	294	8572	1046	411	177	1634	392	10206
August ...	26	74	222	324	44	164	171	66	39	89	7250	282	8725	934	376	201	1511	393	10236
September	25	96	204	354	73	147	187	62	42	94	7122	274	8655	1016	395	278	1689	413	10344
October ...	26	115	229	514	102	206	245	93	57	95	7969	414	10039	1439	541	377	2357	486	12396
November	27	163	286	652	120	210	298	126	53	119	8920	503	11450	1756	662	408	2826	528	14276
December...	24	126	233	562	90	167	274	151	42	109	8440	421	10615	1432	640	401	2473	545	13088
Total	307	1315	2954	5317	772	2179	2631	1234	509	1300	94734	4406	117351	13369	5849	3614	22832	456	140183
Reference...		102	347	495	80	230	564	189	416	270	19	877	3589					Total	143772

Occupations of Borrowers, 1900.

	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Accountants	15	1		
Agents	16	1	2	
Analyst	1			
Architects and Surveyors	14			
Artists	15			
Assistant Librarians	6			
Auctioneers	2	1		
Authors	3			
Bakers	3		2	
Bank Officials ...	13	2		
Barmaids	1	2		
Bath Chairmen ...	4	1		
Blacksmiths	1	1		
Bookbinders	2			
Booksellers	6			
Bootmakers	15			
Book-keepers ...	19			
Borough Officials ...	5			
Brewers	1			
Builders	18	3	3	1
Butchers	10	2		
Butlers	4			
Cabdrivers	3			
Cabinet Makers ...	10			
Caretakers	12	1	3	
Carpenters & Joiners	19	2	2	1
Carvers and Designers	2			
Cashiers	18	4		
Chemists & Assistants	17			1
Chimney Sweeps ...	2			
China Dealer ...	1			
Clergymen	14	2		
Clerks	99	5	2	2
Coachmen	10	1		2
Coal Merchants ...	3		2	
Companions	5	2		
Confectioners ...	2		1	1
Cooks	3			
Costumiers	18		1	

	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Cycle Makers ...	6			
Dairymen	6	2	2	1
Dealers	1		1	
Dentists	3			
Drapers & Assistants	51	9	4	7
Dressmakers ...	48	18	2	4
Electricians	1		3	
Engineers	13		1	
Errand Boys	5	1	3	2
Fishmongers ...	4		1	
Florists	6		1	
Footmen	7	1		
French Polishers ...	3	2	1	1
Fruiterers	1			2
Gardeners	7	3	1	2
Gasfitters	2		2	
Governesses	19	1		
Greengrocers ...	5	1	1	
Grocers & Assistants	48	5	2	
Hairdressers ...	8	1	1	
Hosiers and Hatters	5			
Hospital Nurses ...	8	1		
Housekeepers ...	7	5	1	1
Hotel Proprietors ...	9	1		
Inland Revenue Officers	2	1		
Inspectors	3			
Ironmongers	16			3
Journalists	14			
Labourers	5	4	3	
Laundresses	3	4	3	
Lay Reader	1			
Lithographers ...	2			
Lodging-house Keepers	60	9		4
Magistrates	3			
Managers	12	2		
Mariners	3			
Masseuses	4			
Milliners	25	7		
Mineral Water Manufacturers	3			

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS, 1900—*(continued).*

	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.		Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Musicians	20	1		3	Schoolmistresses ...	16	5		
Naval and Military Officers	15	1			Secretaries	4			
Newsagent	1				Servants	64	18	1	6
Nurses	22	4			Shop Assistants ...	120	20	6	3
Organists	5				Shop Keepers (various)	18	6	1	5
Outfitters	16	2		2	Solicitors	8			
Page Boy	1				Stationers	11			
Painters & Decorators	14	2	7	1	Stone Masons ...	1	1	1	
Pawnbrokers ...	2			1	Students	38	1		3
Photographers ...	17	2			Surveyors	4			
Physicians & Surgeons	13			2	Tailors	10	2		4
Pianoforte Tuners ...	12				Taxedermists ...	2			
Picture Frame Makers	3		1		Teachers and Tutors	76	15	2	3
Plasterers	2				Telegraph Messengers	17			
Plumbers	8		1	1	Telephone Operators				2
Policemen		3		1	Theatre Attendants ...	2			
Porters	16				Tobacconists ...	9	1		2
Postmen	8			3	Travellers	6	1		
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists ...	21	1	1	3	Turners	1			
Poulterers	3	1			Typists	7			1
Printers & Compositors	28	3		2	Upholsterers... ...	14			1
Professors of Music	9	1			Waiters	3			
Railway Officials ...	12		1		Waitresses	5	2		
Restaurant Keepers	17	2			Watchmakers and Jewellers	28	5		
Riding Masters ...	4				Wheelwrights ...	5			
Saddlers	2			1	Wine Merchants ...	9	2		2
Salesmen	4	2			Not Stated (Principally Ratepayers & Wives of Ratepayers) ...	1715	302	77	76
Scholars	146	19	5	5					
Schoolmasters ...	10	4		2					
						3465	538	155	170
						4,328			

Ratepayers,	Central	1,015	Non-Ratepayers,	Central	2,450
,,	Boscombe	149	,,	Boscombe	389
,,	Westbourne	63	,,	Westbourne	107
,,	Springbourne	43	,,	Springbourne	112
				Total	4,328

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked ‡ are exchanged mid-weekly.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

Daily.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1
Daily Express... ...		1		
Daily Graphic... ...	1	1	1	1
Daily Mail	1	1		
Daily News	1	1	1	1
Daily Telegraph ...	1	1		1
Echo	1	2	1	1
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	
Morning Post... ...		1		
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	2		
Standard	1	1	1	1
Star	1	2	1	1
Times	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette...	1	2		1
Bi-Weekly.				
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
„ Guardian	1	1	1	1
„ Observer	1	1	1	1
Weekly.				
*Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette		1		
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1
*Amateur Photographer	1			
Athenæum	1‡	1‡		
Athletic News ...			1	1
Birmingham Weekly Post	1			
Black and White ...		1	1	1
*Board of Trade Journal		1		
*British Architect ...		1		
British Weekly ...		1		

Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne	Westbourne.
Builder	1‡	1‡	1	1
Building News ...	1‡	1‡	1	
*Canadian Gazette ...			1	
Cardiff Times	1			
Catholic Times ...	1	1		
Christian World ...	1	1		
Church Times... ...		1		
*Citizen...		1		
*Civil Service Aspirant	1			
*Civil Service Weekly (Clarke's) ...		1		
Cycling	1	1		
Economist	1			
English Mechanic ...		1	1	1
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1		
Field	1	1‡		1‡
*Fishing Gazette ...			1	
Gardening	1	1		
Gentlewomen	1	1		
Graphic	1	1		
Guardian	1‡	1‡		
Hampshire Chronicle...		1		
*Herald of the Golden Age			1	
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1
*Hobbies	1		1	1
*Illustrated Carpenter and Builder...		1		
Illustrated London News ...	1	1	1	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic		1		
Ladies' Pictorial ...	1	1		
Literature	1‡	1‡		
Literary World ...	1	1		

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*(continued).*

Weekly. Those marked ‡ are exchanged mid-weekly. Those marked * are presented.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne	Westbourne.
Liverpool Weekly Post		1		
*Local Government Chronicle	1			
*London American ...	1			
*Madame	1			
Manchester Guardian	1			
Nature	1‡			1‡
Newcastle - on - Tyne Weekly Chronicle ...	1			
*Public Health... ...		1		
Punch	1	1	1	1
Queen		1		
Scientific American ...	1	1		
Scientific Supplement	1	1		
Science Siftings ...	1	1		1
Sketch	1	1	1	1
Speaker	1‡	1‡		
Spectator	1‡	1‡		
Sphere		1		
*Tablet	1			
Truth	1	1	1	1
*University Correspondent	1			
*Vegetarian			1	
Weekly Scotsman ...		1		
Western Gazette ...		1	1	1
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1		1
Monthly.				
*Animal's Friend ...		1		
Art Journal	1			
Baker and Confectioner		1		
Boys' Own Paper ...		1		
Cassell's Family Magazine		1	1	1
Century	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1		
*Clough's Magazine ...		1		
*Concord		1		
Contemporary Review	1‡	1		1‡
*Educational Review ...	1			

Monthly. Those marked ‡ are exchanged on the fifteenth of each month,	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
English Illustrated ...		1		
Fortnightly Review ...	1‡	1		1‡
Gentleman's Magazine	1‡	1‡		
Girls' Own Paper ...		1		
Good Words	1	1	1	1
Harmsworth's Magazine		1	1	
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
*Journal of Balneology	1			
Knowledge		1		
*Labour Gazette ...		1		
Magazine of Art ...	1			
Monthly Review ...	1‡	1‡		
*Musical Times ...	1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1‡	1		1‡
*Non-Conformist Musical Journal		1		
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1		
Pearson's Magazine ...			1	1
Photogram	1			
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1		
*Strad	1			
Strand		1	1	1
Studio	1			
*Travel			1	
*Troubadour	1	1		
*University Extension Journal	1			
*Verulam Review ...	1			
Windsor		1		
Woman at Home ...		1		
Directories.				
*Advertisers' A.B.C. ...	1	1		
Bournemouth Directory	1	1		
*Building Trades ...	1			
Clerical Directory ...	1			
*Dentists' Register ...	1	1		
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset ...	1			

LIST OF PERIODICALS—*(continued).*

Directories. Those marked * are presented.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
London Directory ...	1	1		
London Suburban Directory	1			
*Medical Register ...	1	1		
*Peck's Trades Directory	1			
Post Office London Directory	1			
*Scholastic Directory ...	1			
*Stubbs' Directory ...	1			
Upholsterers', Furniture, and Cabinet Makers' Directory...	1			
*Bournemouth Guardian	1			
*Bournemouth Observer	1			
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	1			

Railway Time Tables.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Bradshaw	1‡	1‡		
*Caledonian	1	1	1	1
*Great Northern ...	1	1	1	1
*Great Western ...	1	1	1	1
*London and North-Western	1	1	1	1
*Midland	1	1	1	1
*North British	1	1	1	1
*London and South-Western	1	1	1	1
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*Bournemouth Amusements	1	1		
*Visitors' Programme of Daily Events ...	1	1		

List of Donors—1900-1901.

	Number of Vols.
Brassey, Hon. T. A.	Various Pamphlets.
Choate, Mr. Joseph, U.S.A.	1
Druitt, Mr. J., Jun., Town Clerk... ...	27
Fiennes, Miss, Bassendene	1
Hewitt, Miss, Christchurch Road ...	1
Kirby, Mr. J., London	10
Lord's Day Observance Union	10
Marble, Mr. Manton, London	1
Miller, Mr. W. J. C., Moorland Road	4 and papers
Morley, Miss, Aysgarth	6
Ridder, Mr. Louis de, West Cliff Road ...	12
Roberts, Mr., West Hill Road	2
Rowlandson, Miss, Spencer Road ...	1

Libraries, Public—Reports, etc.

Aberdeen, Acton, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Birmingham, Blackburn, Cardiff, Colchester, Derby, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gloucester, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hartlepool, Kidderminster, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leyton, Lincoln; *London*—Battersea, Bishopsgate, Clerkenwell, Hornsey, Penge, St. Giles, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southwark, Streatham, Tottenham, Tynemouth, West Ham; Manchester, Middleborough, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rotherhithe, Wednesbury and Wimbledon.

Abstract of Accounts for the Year ended March 31st, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 31st, 1900 ...	318	9	1			
„ Balance in Librarian's hands, March 31st, 1900 ...	4	14	1			
				323	3	2
„ Amounts received from Rate: Balance for half year ending March 31st, 1900 ...	298	1	4			
„ Rate for half year ending September 30th, 1900 ...	750	5	6			
„ Part of Rate for half year ending March 31st, 1901 ...	800	0	0			
				1848	6	10
„ Bank Interest				5	13	0
„ Subscriptions, Fines, etc. ...				89	7	10
				£2266	10	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries	306	4	6			
„ Books	369	18	6			
„ Bookbinding	45	0	5			
„ Periodicals	155	4	6			
„ Caretakers and Cleaning ...	120	9	0			
„ Coal and Wood	33	19	9			
„ Electric Light	36	15	0			
„ Furniture, Fittings and Repairs	250	15	2			
„ Gas and Water	59	1	4			
„ Petty Cash Disbursements ...	8	11	3			
„ Printing and Stationery ...	26	7	11			
„ Rent and Taxes	245	10	0			
„ Miscellaneous	18	7	5			
				1676	4	9
„ Balance in Treasurer's hands...	589	3	3			
„ „ Librarian's hands...	1	2	10			
				590	6	1
				£2266	10	10

County Borough of Bournemouth.

NINTH

Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee

1901–1902.

BOURNEMOUTH
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth (1901), 58,652. It is estimated that, including the parts of Holdenhurst and Southbourne, the population is 60,000.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £453,215 5s. 6d.
Public Libraries Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.

PUBLICATIONS :—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.
Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895. *2d.*
Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. *2d.*
Re-issue of the Catalogue of the Reference Library, April, 1902. *3d.*
Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, January, 1896. *6d.*
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1900. o.p.
Catalogues of the Branch Libraries, 1898. *1d.*
Catalogue of the Boscombe Branch Library, 1901. *2d.*
Annual Reports, 1893-4, 1894-5, 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8, 1898-9, 1899-1900, 1901-1902.

Committee.

Chairman: MR. C. J. WHITTING.

Vice-Chairmen: REV. W. VENIS ROBINSON, B.A. MR. CHARLES T. MILES, F.R.I.B.A.

*MR. R. Y. BANKS.
*MR. W. BOLTON.
*MR. C. FRAMPTON.
*DR. GEORGE FROST.
DR. G. A. GEORGE.
MR. G. GALPIN.
REV. J. D. JONES, M.A., B.D.
*MR. G. J. LAWSON.
*MR. H. C. STOCKLEY, J.P.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.

Sub-Librarian: WILLIAM C. SAYERS.

Assistants: WILLIAM WILDING, HUGH STEVENSON, ARTHUR HAWKES, LEWIS CORNER, ALFRED SIMS, GEORGE FRY, WILLIAM WHITMILL.

Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

Ninth Annual Report

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, 1901-1902.

GENTLEMEN,—

In presenting their Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1902, the Public Libraries Committee are for the first time able to omit a request that more commodious premises should be obtained for the Central Library. Though it cannot be claimed that our present headquarters form an ideal Library—the building having been designed as a private residence—the Committee hope to successfully continue their work there until adequate provision is made for a permanent home in the Municipal Buildings, which are to be erected opposite.

Your Committee are pleased to report that the change of premises made on October 21st—when the Mayor opened 2, Stanhope Gardens as a Central Library — has in no way retarded the progressive nature of the issues, which have increased from 143,772 volumes in 1890 to 169,189 in the year 1901, the grand total since the opening at Cumnor Terrace in 1895 having grown to 1,013,782 volumes. Of last year's aggregate, 119,198 books were issued at the Central Library, 23,232 at Boscombe, 9,165 at Westbourne, and 7,833 at Springbourne. The Reference department was responsible for 9,759, as compared with 3,589 volumes in 1900, an increase in the most valuable section of the issues equal to 174 per cent.

It is the constant endeavour of the Committee to extend the educational importance of the Libraries by making the stock of non-fiction literature thoroughly representative of the greatest minds in each subject, and by selecting the most practical works on technology suited to the trades of the Borough. The fact that the large increase of the total issues is almost entirely non-fictional proves that our efforts are backed up by the staff and appreciated by a large section of the borrowers.

The Libraries now contain 19,762 books, of which 17,137 are in the lending and 2,625 in the reference department. During the year 2,379 new volumes have been purchased, in addition to 800 replacements of books worn out by constant use. As the Committee are hoping to pay the whole cost of adapting and furnishing the new premises out of current revenue, in preference to spreading the cost over several years, very few books have been bought recently, although the Books Sub-Committee steadily select works for future purchase.

Applications from the newly incorporated districts of Winton and Southbourne for branch newsrooms have been carefully considered. When the payments for the Central Library alterations are completed, we hope to submit a scheme for giving residents in the northern and eastern parts of the Borough facilities for sharing the advantages of public reading rooms. It is, however, necessary to point out that we already have more branches than are usually established in towns of 60,000 inhabitants, and the provision of two more involves a serious addition to our expenditure, which, under any circumstances, has to be met by the strictly limited income of a penny rate.

A new catalogue of the Reference Library has just been compiled by the Librarian, and it is proposed to publish a Quarterly Guide containing matters of interest to frequenters of the Library, the special feature of which will be a list of recent additions to the stock of books.

Owing to the re-arrangement of Committees consequent upon the extension of the Borough in

November, the Library lost the active co-operation of Aldermen Mate, Mattocks, and Parsons, whose places on the Committee are filled by Aldermen Bolton and Frampton, and Councillor Banks. All the members of the staff remain who were employed a year ago, and the Committee desire to recognise their good services, which were particularly arduous during the preparation of the new Central Library in October.

C. J. WHITTING, *Chairman.*

Attendances of Committee for year ending March 31st, 1902.

Committees—	Public Library.	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Buildings Sub-Committee.	Total of Attendances.
Number of Meetings	15	11	13	2	41
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman*... ...	15	11	13	2	41 out of 41
Rev. W. Venis Robinson, B.A., *Vice-Chairman*	13	10	—	—	23 ,, 26
Mr. C. T. Miles, F.R.I.B.A., *Vice-Chairman*	12	—	11	2	25 ,, 30
Dr. George Frost (*Mayor 1901-2*) ...	5	4	—	—	9 ,, 26
Mr. George Galpin	11	—	10	—	21 ,, 28
Dr. G. A. George	9	5	—	—	14 ,, 26
Mr. G. J. Lawson (*Mayor 1900-1*) ...	2	—	1	—	3 ,, 30
Mr. H. C. Stockley, J.P.	12	—	10	2	24 ,, 30
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D.	7	5	—	—	12 ,, 26
Mr. R. Y. Banks, *Appointed Nov., 1901*	2	5	—	—	7 ,, 10
Mr. W. Bolton, ,,	3	—	2	—	5 ,, 10
Mr. C. Frampton, ,,	2	—	2	—	4 ,, 10
Mr. C. H. Mate, *Retired Nov., 1901* ...	1	1	—	—	2 ,, 16
Mr. W. Mattocks, J.P., ,, ...	1	—	—	—	1 ,, 18
Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P., ,, ...	1	1	—	—	2 ,, 16

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.		March 31st, 1902
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	606
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities	803
C.	History, Biography	1,715
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, etc.	371
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences	887
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	734
G.	Useful and Constructive Arts	422
H.	Language and Literature	205
J.	Poetry and the Drama	441
K.	Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	5,766
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works	1,049
		12,999
	Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries	4,138
	,, ,, in Reference Library	2,625
	Total	19,762

Issue of Books in the Lending and Reference Libraries from Jan. 1st, 1901, to Dec. 31st, 1901.

Month.	Days. Open	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travels.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous.	Total.	Daily Average.	Reference.	Branches. Boscombe.	Branches. Springbourne.	Branches. Westbourne.	Branches. Total. Branches	Totals. Central and Branches
January ...	27	123	292	666	108	210	294	114	68	134	8820	484	11313	419	579	1878	579	675	3132	15024
February ...	23	139	288	669	96	248	284	140	50	117	8719	445	11195	489	724	1699	502	620	2821	14740
March ...	26	164	367	731	105	279	267	151	78	134	9183	429	11888	457	1324	2136	692	658	3486	16698
April ..	24	159	296	623	81	240	299	141	69	140	8611	380	11039	459	1051	1926	622	743	3291	15381
May ...	26	129	302	518	70	217	258	135	72	128	7907	312	10048	387	1011	1831	589	741	3161	14220
June ...	25	129	272	478	83	240	244	117	63	113	7842	316	9897	395	838	1649	593	703	2945	13680
July ...	27	126	266	474	75	212	248	112	63	105	7735	321	9731	360	572	1803	526	728	3057	13360
August ...	26	129	288	471	68	189	210	118	69	112	7782	333	9767	375	643	1738	618	682	3038	13448
September...	21	99	194	336	67	151	176	84	43	68	6123	263	7602	347	565	1603	675	899	3177	11344
October ...	9	59	104	196	41	105	110	81	32	35	3223	129	4116	411	622	2189	837	943	3969	8707
November...	26	167	361	670	119	238	281	178	69	127	9253	480	11943	459	1111	2405	890	854	4149	17203
December...	24	164	336	561	82	214	284	131	55	107	8155	570	10659	444	719	2375	711	920	4006	15384
Total	284	1587	3366	6393	995	2543	2955	1502	731	1310	93354	4460	119198	416	9759	23232	7834	9166	40232	169189

REFERENCE LIBRARY ISSUES, 1901.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Travel and Topography	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Science.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction.	L Miscellaneous.	Total	Daily Average.
January	27	7	101	99	6	66	87	28	36	12	11	126	579	22
February	23	12	63	116	11	61	150	7	79	10	5	210	724	30
March	26	58	158	165	59	98	195	37	119	43	43	349	1324	50
April	24	20	89	163	44	112	147	58	114	14	20	270	1051	43
May	26	20	114	93	28	139	171	44	76	63	15	248	1011	36
June	25	20	153	62	5	137	52	22	152	43	5	187	838	29
July	27	7	96	50	36	77	34	14	55	47	25	131	572	21
August	26	4	99	122	15	25	87	25	70	17	5	174	643	24
September	21	12	80	74	9	37	44	48	72	42	8	139	565	22
October	9	14	45	49	22	43	88	27	132	47	9	146	622	32
November	26	44	75	159	13	37	55	40	222	131	23	312	1111	42
December	24	12	71	99	28	17	36	46	167	44	14	185	719	29
Total ...	284	230	1144	1251	276	850	1146	396	1294	513	183	2477	9760	34

BOSCOMBE ISSUES, 1901.

Month.	A Religion, etc.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Science.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction.	L Miscellaneous.	Total.
January	10	28	49	6	14	3	1	2	10	1752	3	1878
February	6	24	52	7	12	4	3	—	10	1575	6	1699
March	12	66	81	10	14	15	12	6	14	1891	15	2136
April	13	93	67	9	14	15	12	8	17	1657	21	1926
May	10	51	56	8	21	18	6	3	6	1639	13	1831
June	12	51	42	5	18	12	6	3	10	1479	11	1649
July	11	52	49	5	12	12	5	1	5	1641	10	1803
August	9	48	47	5	8	7	5	3	11	1585	10	1738
September...	5	50	30	5	21	15	3	4	6	1453	11	1603
October	10	67	39	3	14	13	4	6	6	2011	16	2189
November...	16	88	70	2	12	15	9	2	6	2170	15	2405
December...	14	59	72	10	17	12	7	5	13	2131	36	2375
Total	128	677	654	75	177	141	73	43	114	20983	167	23232

SPRINGBOURNE ISSUES, 1901.

Month.	A Religion.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Science.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction.	L Miscellaneous.	Total.
January	—	27	23	1	11	4	18	3	2	467	23	579
February	11	22	32	—	18	8	10	2	5	382	11	502
March	7	32	71	5	27	18	21	4	2	471	34	692
April	4	35	77	9	27	4	6	—	1	435	24	622
May	1	40	61	15	30	1	9	2	1	413	16	589
June	—	42	39	12	23	4	13	4	3	441	12	593
July...	7	36	27	8	13	7	8	2	—	393	25	526
August	17	43	31	2	22	11	12	4	—	437	39	618
September...	14	57	35	4	19	7	11	6	5	467	50	675
October	14	63	45	4	27	19	15	1	4	602	43	837
November	11	71	61	7	42	10	17	5	2	638	26	890
December	10	51	61	2	27	8	34	7	3	485	23	711
Total	96	519	563	69	286	101	174	40	28	5631	326	7834

WESTBOURNE ISSUES, 1901.

Month.	A Religion.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Science.	F Fine Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction.	L Miscellaneous.	Total
January	4	11	20	4	11	9	3	—	3	607	3	675
February	5	13	17	4	7	19	8	—	2	548	6	620
March	8	17	28	7	16	4	6	—	3	566	3	658
April	4	29	28	7	12	6	4	1	2	642	8	743
May	2	23	38	8	19	12	5	—	1	626	7	741
June	8	31	32	1	19	23	10	5	6	562	6	703
July	9	19	34	2	8	6	2	—	5	638	5	728
August	9	16	35	—	13	4	3	1	7	588	6	682
September	14	29	26	3	21	20	8	1	6	764	7	899
October	13	27	44	—	18	17	2	1	7	807	7	943
November	16	33	52	9	24	13	7	3	4	678	16	854
December	18	36	41	4	30	23	7	5	5	737	4	920
Total	110	283	395	49	198	156	65	17	51	7763	78	9166

List of Donors, 1901-1902.

Agent-General of Australia	Debates of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.
Ebbsworth (Misses), Poole Road ...	3 vols.
Gibbs (Mr.), Westbourne Park Road...	4 ,,
Gowing (Mrs. Aylmer), London ...	4 ,,
Hankinson (Mr. T. J.), Surrey Road	6 ,,
Miller (Mr. W. J. C.), Moorland Road	24 vols. of scientific and miscellaneous cuttings.
Morton (Rev. C. H.), Knole Road ...	119 vols. of theology, &c.
Yate (Major A. C.)...	1 vol.

Libraries, Public:—Reports, &c.—Acton, Aberdeen, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopsgate, Blackburn, Brighton, Cardiff, Clerkenwell, Colchester, Derby, Falmouth, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Gloucester, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kidderminster, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leyton, Lincoln, Manchester, Middlesborough, Penge, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, St. Giles, Shoreditch, Southampton, Southwark, Streatham, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Wigan, Wimbledon, Worcester.

List of Periodicals, &c.

Those marked ‡ are exchanged mid-weekly.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.

Daily.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1
,, Express ...		1		
,, Graphic ...	1	1	1	1
,, Mail	1	1		
,, News	1	1	1	1
,, Telegraph ...	1	1		1
Echo	1	1	1	
*Financial News ...	1	1		1
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	
,, Post ...	1	1		
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1		
Standard	1	1	1	1
Star...	1	1	1	
Times	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1		
Bi-Weekly.				
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
,, Guardian	1	1	1	1
Weekly.				
Academy and Literature	1‡	1‡		
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1
Athenæum	1‡			1‡
Athletic News ...			1	1
Birmingh'm Weekly Post	1			
Black and White ...		1	1	1
*Board of Trade Journal		1		
Bournemouth Observer	1	1	1	1
*British Architect ...	1‡	1‡		
British Weekly ...		1		
Builder	1‡	1‡	1	1
Building News ...	1‡	1‡	1	
*Canadian Gazette ...			1	
Cardiff Times ...	1			
Catholic Times ...	1	1		
Christian World ...	1	1		
Church Times ...	1	1		

Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
*Citizen		1		
*Civil Service Aspirant ...	1			
*Civil Service Weekly (Clarke's)		1		
Cycling	1	1		
Economist	1			
English Mechanic ...		1	1	1
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1		
Field	1	1‡		1‡
*Fishing Gazette ...			1	
Gardening	1	1		
Gentlewoman ...	1	1		
Graphic	1	1		
Guardian	1‡	1‡		
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1		
*Herald of the Golden Age			1	
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1		1	1
*Illustrated Carpenter and Builder		1		
Illustrated London News	1	1	1	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News ...		1		
Lady		1	1	1
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		
Literary World ...	1	1		
Liverpool Weekly Post		1		
*Local Government Chronicle ...			1	
*Madame	1			
Manchester Guardian ...	1			
Nature	1‡			1‡
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle ...	1			
Outlook	1	1		
*Public Health ..		1		
Punch	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	1		
Scientific American ...	1	1		
Scientific Supplement ...	1	1		

Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Science Siftings ...	1	1		1
Sketch	1	1	1	1
Speaker	1‡	1‡		
Spectator	1‡	1‡		
Sphere		1		
*Tablet	1			
Truth	1	1	1	1
*University Correspond'nt	1			
*Vegetarian			1	
Weekly Scotsman ...		1		
Week's Survey ...	1	1		
Western Gazette ...		1	1	1
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1		
Monthly.				
*Animal's Friend ...		1		
Artist		1		
Art Journal	1			
*Baker and Confectioner		1		
*Board of Trade Journal		1		
Boys' Own Paper ...		1		
Cassell's Family Magazine ...		1	1	1
Century	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1		
*Clough's Magazine ...		1		
*Concord		1		
Contemporary Review...	1	1‡	1‡	
*Educational Review ...	1			
English Illustrated ...		1		
Fortnightly Review ...	1	1‡	1	1‡
Gentleman's Magazine	1			
Girls' Own Paper ...		1		
Good Words	1	1	1	1
Harmsworth's Magazine	1	1	1	
Harper's	1	1	1	1
Knowledge		1		
*Labour Gazette ...		1		
Magazine of Art ...	1	1		
Monthly Review ...	1			
*Musical Times ...	1			
*Navy League Journal ...	1	1		
New Liberal Review ...	1	1		
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1		
*Nonconformist Musical Journal		1		

Monthly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1		
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
Photogram	1			
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1		
*Strad	1			
Strand	1	1	1	1
Studio	1			
*Travel			1	
*Troubadour	1	1		
*University Extension Journal ...	1			
Windsor		1		
Woman at Home ...		1		
Quarterlies.				
*Journal of Balneology ...	1	1		
*Verulam Review ...	1			
Directories.				
*Advertiser's A. B. C. ...	1	1		
Army List	1	1		
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
*Building Trades ...	1			
Clerical Directory ...	1			
*Dentists' Register ...	1	1		
*Hampton's Scholastic Directory ...	1	1		
Kelly's Hants, Wilts, and Dorset	1			
London Directory ...	1	1		
London Suburban Directory ...	1	1		
*Medical Register ...	1	1		
Navy List	1	1		
*Peck's Trades Directory	1	1		
*Perry's Trades Directory				
*Stubb's Directory ...	1	1		
Upholsterers', Furniture and Cabinet Makers' Directory	1			
*Vicker's Newspaper Gazetteer...	1			
Bournemouth Observer	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	1	1	1	1

Monthly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.
Railway Time Tables.				
Borough Time Table ...	1	1	1	1
Bradshaw	1	1	1	1
*Caledonian	1	1		
*Glasgow and South Western ...		1		
*Great Central ...	1	1		
* ,, Eastern ...	1			
* ,, Northern ...	1	1		
* ,, Western ...	1	1		
*Highland ...	1			
*London, Brighton, and South Coast ...	1	1		
* ,, and North Western ...	1	1		
* ,, and South Western ...	1	1		
*Midland ...	1	1		
*North British ...	1	1		

Abstract of Accounts for Year ended March 31st, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance in Treasurer's hands, March 31st 1901 ...	589	3	3			
,, Balance in Librarian's hands, March 31st, 1901	1	14	8			
				590	17	11
,, Amount received from Rate. Balance for half-year ending March 31st, 1901	77	8	9			
,, Rate for half-year ending September 30th, 1901 ...	778	5	2			
,, Part of Rate for half-year ending March 31st, 1902	800	0	0			
				1655	13	11
,, Bank interest				5	6	7
,, Subscriptions, fines, etc. ...				67	5	10
,, Balance due to Bank ...				1	0	10
				£2320	5	1

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries	371	13	10			
,, Books	187	12	6			
,, Bookbinding	55	1	0			
,, Periodicals	175	5	0			
,, Caretaking and Cleaning ...	138	1	9			
,, Coal and Wood	30	7	11			
,, Electric Light	77	3	3			
,, Furniture, Fittings, and Repairs	771	16	1			
,, Gas and Water	72	6	7			
,, Petty Cash Disbursements	7	13	9			
,, Printing and Stationery ...	45	14	7			
,, Rent and Taxes	355	5	4			
,, Miscellaneous	21	0	0			
				2316	4	2
,, Balance in Librarian's hands				4	0	11
				£2320	5	1

County Borough of Bournemouth.

TENTH

Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee

1902-3.

BOURNEMOUTH.
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth (1901), 60,000.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £454,000.
Public Libraries Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st, October, 1901.

PUBLICATIONS:—Catalogues of the Lending Library, January, 1895, o.p.
Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895. *2d.*
Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. *2d.*
Re-issue of the Catalogue of the Reference Library, April, 1902. *3d.*
Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, January, 1896. *6d.*
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1900. o.p.
Catalogues of the Branch Libraries, 1898. *1d.*
Catalogue of the Boscombe Branch Library, 1901. *2d.*
Annual Reports, 1893-4, 1894-5, 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8, 1898-9, 1899-1900, 1900-01, 1901-02, 1902-03.

Committee.

Chairman: MR. C. J. WHITTING.
Vice-Chairman: *DR. G. FROST.

*MR. R. Y. BANKS.
*MR. W. BOLTON.
*Mr. C. FRAMPTON.
MR. G. GALPIN.
DR. G. A. GEORGE.
REV. J. D. JONES, M.A., B.D.
(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee.)
*MR. G. J. LAWSON.
MR. C. T. MILES,
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee).
*MR. H. C. STOCKLEY, J.P.
MR. J. A. TOONE.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.
Sub-Librarian: WILLIAM C. SAYERS.

Senior Assistants:
WILLIAM WILDING.
HUGH STEVENSON.
ARTHUR HAWKES.

Junior Assistants:
LEWIS CORNER.
ALFRED SIMS.
GEORGE FRY.
WILLIAM WHITMILL.

Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

Tenth Annual Report

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,

1902-1903.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Bournemouth.

Gentlemen,—

Your Public Libraries Committee beg to present their Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1903.

The detailed statistics are again highly satisfactory and reveal increasing activity in every section. The aggregate issues since the Library was opened in January, 1895, now amount to no less than 1,206,511 volumes. Of this total, 200,606 are credited to the past year, which is 31,407 in excess of the record for any corresponding period; 137,141 volumes were given out at the Central Lending Library, 11,364 in the Reference department, 32,618 at Boscombe, 10,614 at Westbourne, and 8,869 at Springbourne. The registered borrowers number 6,197, as compared with 5,692 a year ago; and, as will be seen by referring to the table of "Occupations," they are drawn from every class of the community, including a large proportion of wage earners. The Libraries contain a stock of 20,423 volumes, distributed as follows:—13,311 in the Central Lending, 4,467 at the three branches, and 2,645 in the Reference Department.

For the first time since 1895 the Librarian has compiled a list of "Class" books that have been generally popular with readers, although many of those in the greatest demand could not be included in this table, as they were in circulation when it was made up.

With regard to the vexed question of a comparison between the reading of serious and light literature, it is gratifying to note that the proportion of books issued in the former class has increased 2 per cent. during the year, and now averages over 1,000 volumes a week. It is impossible to doubt that this represents a great educational influence throughout the borough. Your committee are anxious to encourage solid reading by every means in their power, and invite public co-operation in this part of their work. By leaving an addressed postcard, borrowers can now have any book other than fiction reserved for one day from the time it is returned to the Library, and this has proved of great service to studious readers. Lists of books specially useful to particular trades and professions are in preparation, and it is intended, by the courtesy of employers, to hang them up in a large number of workshops and offices. Such catalogues have already been placed in all the Primary and Technical Schools of the Borough; those in Elementary Schools are of selected books helpful to young people on the point of leaving school to enter upon the business of life, and in the Schools of Science and Art, of technological works applicable to the studies pursued there. Similar lists have also been placed in architects offices, composed of 350 works to be found in the Reference and Lending Libraries on architecture and all branches of the building trade. The Committee are assured that this scheme is fulfilling the important object they had in view when it was adopted.

The heavy expense connected with opening the Central Library at Stanhope Gardens in 1901 having been paid from current revenue, your Committee have not been in a position to recommend to the Council any extension of Branch Libraries; the subject will, however, be reconsidered during the next few months.

The Committee much regret the departure from Bournemouth of the Rev. W. Venis Robinson, B.A. Mr. J. A. Toone was elected to the vacancy on the Libraries Committee, and the Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., has succeeded Mr. Robinson as Chairman of the Books Committee.

There has been no other change, either in the management or the staff, during the year just ended. In compliance with your request that a Vice-Chairman should be appointed as on all other Committees of the Council, Dr. Frost was elected to that office.

The Central Library catalogue published in January, 1900, is now out of print, and a supplementary catalogue is in hand.

C. J. WHITTING, *Chairman.*

Attendances of Committee for year ending 31st March, 1903.

Committees—	Public Library.	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Total of Attendances.
Number of Meetings	12	8	12	32
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman*	12	8	10	30 out of 32
*Dr. G. Frost, *Vice-Chairman*	3	3	2	8 „ 24
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., *Chairman Books Sub-Committee*	6	7	—	13 „ 20
Mr. C. T. Miles, F.R.I.B.A., *Chairman Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee*	9	—	8	17 „ 24
*Mr. R. Y. Banks	7	4	—	11 „ 20
*Mr. W. Bolton	6	—	5	11 „ 24
*Mr. C. Frampton	8	—	8	16 „ 24
Dr. G. A. George	7	5	—	12 „ 20
Mr. G. Galpin	10	4	6	20 „ 24
*Mr. G. J. Lawson	3	—	3	6 „ 24
*Mr. H. C. Stockley, J.P.	10	—	10	20 „ 24
Mr. J. A. Toone, *Appointed Nov., 1902* ...	5	5	—	10 „ 10
Rev. W. Venis Robinson, B.A., *Chairman Books Sub-Committee, (Retired, Nov. 1902.)*	6	3	—	9 „ 10

*Members of Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.		March 31st, 1903.
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History... ...	614
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities	816
C.	History, Biography	1,751
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, etc.	377
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences	905
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	769
G.	Useful and Constructive Arts	429
H.	Language and Literature	215
J.	Poetry and the Drama	446
K.	Prose, Fiction and Juvenile Literature	5,925
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works...	1,064
		13,311
	Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries	4,467
	„ „ in Reference Library	2,645
	Total...	20,423

Table of Issues from All Departments, January 1st to December 31st, 1902.

Month.	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous&General Works	Total
January	217	678	999	171	337	408	242	251	237	13780	977	18297
February	287	715	928	172	368	371	255	242	207	12677	785	17007
March	257	696	1001	172	364	387	271	257	218	13091	890	17604
April	265	688	994	197	431	402	203	248	182	13612	763	17985
May	232	622	883	189	471	388	186	277	226	13188	761	17423
June	197	479	698	136	364	280	192	194	117	11284	625	14566
July	154	481	592	159	308	305	168	152	123	11848	562	14852
August	175	418	573	113	306	273	177	211	152	10999	569	13966
September	230	592	675	143	350	354	258	202	173	11339	729	15045
October	276	756	914	188	483	435	317	408	304	13512	943	18536
November	252	704	952	206	494	456	300	219	307	13439	841	18170
December	235	684	874	124	389	457	248	228	206	12863	847	17155
	2777	7513	10083	1970	4665	4516	2817	2889	2452	151632	9292	200606

Table of Issues from the Central Lending Library, 1902.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religious and Philosophy.	B Topography and Traval.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics &Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Literature and Language	J Poetry and Drama	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous&General Works	TOTAL	Daily Average
January	27	179	400	694	121	242	332	154	84	146	9700	639	12691	470
February	24	236	429	650	132	287	312	166	87	126	9102	531	12058	502
March	24	205	405	672	132	246	305	181	86	138	9493	532	12395	516
April	26	174	371	579	137	247	303	152	69	105	9710	470	12317	473
May	26	154	319	518	138	238	292	131	61	79	9239	467	11636	447
June	25	139	279	436	102	223	228	121	75	80	7994	415	10092	402
July	27	101	257	407	68	170	243	115	47	90	7983	390	9871	362
August	24	136	239	387	67	176	225	134	58	105	7703	405	9635	401
September	26	172	279	406	95	217	266	157	50	81	7939	412	10074	387
October	27	199	356	633	137	255	346	209	97	135	9591	479	12437	460
November	25	193	384	677	135	256	327	190	69	162	9450	563	12406	496
December	25	185	362	603	93	232	324	157	70	118	8854	531	11529	461
	306	2073	4080	6662	1357	2789	3503	1867	853	1365	106758	5834	137141	448

Table of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1902.

Month	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Natural Science, Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Literature	Total	Daily Average
January	27	14	120	123	28	35	41	53	151	66	44	258	933	34
February	24	10	109	87	25	48	24	57	147	57	7	182	753	31
March	24	17	126	132	27	61	53	58	158	71	12	255	970	40
April	26	56	161	187	28	91	66	36	160	57	3	212	1057	40
May	26	38	138	132	17	132	66	33	195	127	17	217	1112	43
June	25	26	82	98	16	55	36	46	102	18	12	160	651	25
July	27	17	117	72	60	68	39	42	78	18	13	127	651	25
August	24	6	94	82	21	52	26	27	114	25	27	117	591	26
September ...	26	14	187	128	23	66	68	84	126	80	1	252	1029	39
October	27	42	215	93	29	148	66	84	294	147	36	396	1550	57
November ...	25	21	123	106	49	127	106	72	120	123	8	219	1074	42
December ...	25	9	134	116	14	83	105	64	136	65	5	262	993	39
	306	270	1606	1356	337	966	696	656	1781	854	185	2657	11364	36

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Lending Library, 1902.

Month	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous & General Works	Total	Daily Average
January	14	8	81	98	17	24	16	8	8	14	2522	46	2842	204
February ...	12	21	89	119	13	24	10	17	3	8	2318	32	2654	221
March	11	16	77	99	7	28	12	13	4	4	2199	44	2503	227
April	13	19	79	115	6	46	8	9	1	13	2491	32	2819	216
May	14	27	85	134	13	47	8	8	1	15	2639	39	3016	215
June	12	16	66	73	7	52	4	14	5	18	2105	27	2387	198
July	14	22	41	48	13	30	3	9	1	10	2664	20	2861	203
August	13	14	39	44	10	32	5	3	3	8	2167	19	2344	180
September ...	13	20	63	66	18	18	11	4	5	4	2254	31	2487	191
October	14	23	82	90	5	38	9	8	—	8	2670	29	2962	210
November ...	12	34	80	74	6	35	10	12	2	5	2508	17	2783	231
December ...	11	29	101	81	8	23	15	9	5	8	2662	19	2960	269
	153	249	883	1041	116	397	111	114	38	115	29199	355	32618	213

Table of Issues from the Westbourne Branch Lending Library, 1902.

Month	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose, Fiction, and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	Total	Daily Average
January	13	12	22	36	—	17	15	7	3	6	857	14	989	76
February	12	15	29	44	2	2	19	7	1	2	712	17	850	70
March	13	14	25	56	2	8	10	8	4	1	753	23	904	69
April	12	13	26	61	—	13	6	10	6	3	786	19	943	78
May	13	9	38	42	—	16	—	3	8	—	668	17	801	61
June	13	13	29	56	3	10	—	5	6	1	677	16	816	62
July	13	6	41	51	5	7	2	1	13	2	691	14	833	64
August	11	8	19	42	1	7	5	7	10	8	637	7	751	68
September	13	15	45	59	4	16	6	9	10	7	694	16	881	67
October	13	6	64	67	6	18	8	8	9	7	730	21	944	72
November	13	1	61	60	6	19	7	10	20	10	790	14	998	76
December	13	7	34	53	4	7	4	8	9	8	753	17	904	69
	152	119	433	627	33	140	82	83	99	55	8738	195	10614	69

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Lending Library, 1902.

Month	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction, and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	Total	Daily Average
January	9	4	55	48	5	19	4	20	5	5	657	23	842	93
February	8	5	59	28	—	7	6	8	4	14	538	23	692	86
March	9	5	63	42	4	21	7	11	5	4	634	27	823	90
April	9	3	51	52	26	34	19	6	12	4	621	30	858	95
May	9	4	42	57	21	38	22	11	12	5	625	21	858	95
June	8	3	23	35	8	24	12	6	6	—	496	7	620	77
July	9	8	25	14	13	33	18	1	13	3	497	11	636	70
August	8	11	27	18	14	39	12	6	26	6	465	21	645	80
September	8	9	18	16	10	33	3	4	11	1	451	18	574	71
October	9	6	39	31	11	24	6	8	8	7	485	18	643	71
November	9	3	56	35	10	57	6	16	8	7	683	28	909	101
December	9	5	53	21	5	44	9	10	8	7	589	18	769	84
	104	66	511	397	127	373	124	107	118	63	6731	242	8869	85

Representative Statistics of Works other than Fiction issued from the Central Lending Library during 1902.

A

		Times issued
Bullen	With Christ at Sea *2 copies*	30
Creighton	Church and the Nation	18
Dresser	Power of Silence	14
Drummond	Ideal Life	15
"	Natural Law in the Spiritual World *2 copies*	34
Flammarion	Unknown	14
Lang	Magic and Religion	15

B

Beresford	Break-up of China	18
Biss	Siege of Kumassi	20
Doyle	Great Boer War 2 *copies*	33
Nansen	Farthest North 2 v.	27
Pritchard	Where Black rules White	24
Steevens	With Kitchener to Khartum	31
Times	History of the War in South Africa 1 v.	18

C

Champneys	Life of Coventry Patmore 2 v.	28
Layard	Life of Mrs. Lynn Linton	27
Newmarch	Tschaikovsky	18
Roberts	Forty-one years in India 2 v.	35
Story of Dr. Pusey's Life		16
Vallery-Radot	Life of Louis Pasteur 2 v.	36

D

Fitch	Education Aims	13
Holland	Imperium et Libertas	14
Laurie	Training of Teachers	11
Rowntree	Poverty	10
Warren	How to deal with your Banker	17

E

Bailey	Tutorial Chemistry	20
Cornish	Wild England of To-day	14
Deniker	Races of Man	14
Drummond	Ascent of Man	17
Gibson	Calculus	11

		Times issued.
Huxley ...	Science and Hebrew Tradition ...	20
Pouchet ...	The Universe ...	15
Quatrefages ...	Human Species ...	19
Wallace ...	Wonderful Century ...	21

F

Crane ...	Line and Form ...	13
Parker ...	Introduction to Gothic Architecture ...	13
Parker and Unwin	Art of Building a Home ...	15
Statham ...	Modern Architecture ...	12
Aflalo ...	Sea and Coast Fishing ...	18
Hoffmann ...	Modern Magic ...	16
Ranjitsinhji ...	Jubilee Book of Cricket ...	15

G

Ayrton ...	Practical Electricity ...	15
Beeton ...	Cookery Book ...	13
Bullen ...	Men of the Merchant Service ...	20
Robinson ...	Studio, and what to do in it ? ...	16
Walmesley ...	Electric Current ...	22
Williamson ...	British Gardener ...	16

H

Anstey ...	Mr. Punch's young Reciter ...	13
Craik ...	English Literature and Language ...	12
Dawson ...	Makers of modern Poetry & Prose 2 v.	35
Harrison ...	Tennyson, Ruskin and Mill ...	13
Meiklejohn ...	English Grammar ...	15
Voice, Speech and Gesture	...	13

J

Bartlett ...	Dictionary of Quotations ...	20
Ibsen ...	When we dead awaken ...	16
Lang ...	Translation of Odyssey ...	14
Phillips ...	Herod ...	18
Rossetti, D.G. ...	Poems ...	17
Sheridan ...	Dramatic Works ...	12

L

Drummond ...	Stones rolled away ...	24
Housman ...	Englishwoman's Love-letters *2 copies*	40
Howells ...	Heroines of Fiction 2 v. ...	36
Maeterlinck ...	Wisdom and Destiny ...	25
Stephen ...	Studies of a Biographer 2 v, ...	26
Wells ...	Anticipations ...	20

MUSIC.

		Times Issued
Beethoven ...	Sonatas ...	17
" ...	Symphonies iv. (pf.) ...	12
Berlioz ...	Instrumentation ...	11
Brown and Moffatt	Characteristic Songs and Dances of all Nations ...	25
Davenport ...	Elements of Harmony ...	16
Gounod ...	Faust ...	21
Haweis ...	Old Violins ...	11
Hadow ...	Studies in Modern Music 2 v. ...	27
Ritter ...	History of Music ...	10
Schubert ...	Clavierwerke ...	16
Schuman ...	Vocal Album ...	12
Stainer ...	Composition ...	10
Tschaikowsky ...	Cassé noisette ...	10
" ...	1812 (pf.) ...	12
Wagner ...	Tannhäuser ...	16

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1902.

		Branch					Branch		
	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne		Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Accountants	5	2		2	Confectioners	3	6	1	
Actor	1				Cooks	11	4		
Actress	1				Corn Merchant	1			
Agents	20	7	5	1	Costumiers	5	1	1	
Architects	18	1		1	Cycle Makers	2		1	1
Artists	8			1	Dairymen	2	6	1	
Assistant Librarians	8				Dealer	1			
Auctioneers	3	2			Dentists	12	2		
Authors	4				Drapers and Assistants	44	16	1	3
Bakers	4	3	5		Draughtsmen	2	1		1
Bank Officials	13	4		2	Dressmakers	81	24	7	8
Barmen	2				Electricians	15	4	1	
Bath Chairmen	2	3			Engineers	15	3	1	
Billposter	1				Errand Boys	3	1	2	
Blacksmiths		2			Farmer	1			
Booksellers	2		5		Fishmongers	7	1		
Book-keepers	30	2		1	Florists	5	6		
Bootmakers	17	7			Footman	1			
Borough Officials	24	1			French Polishers	2	1		
Builders	22	3	7	2	Fruiterers	11	3		2
Butchers	10	2	3		Furnishers	7			
Butlers	4	2			Gardeners	17	2	2	1
Cab Drivers	1	1		2	Gasfitters	2	1	1	
Cabinet Makers	14		1	5	Governesses	11	2		2
Caretakers	7	2			Greengrocers	6		1	
Carpenters and Joiners	44	14	6	2	Grocers and Assistants	36	12	6	4
Carter	1				Hairdressers	5	6		1
Carvers and Designers	2				Hosiers and Hatters	3	1		1
Cashiers	8	1			Hospital Nurses	12	1		
Chemists and Assistants	27	2		2	Hotel Proprietors	16	1		
Chimney Sweeps	2	1			Housekeepers	5	29		2
China Dealers	2				Indian Civil Service Officers	2			
Clergymen	32	4		1	Inland Revenue Officers	6			
Clerks	117	17	4	6	Inspector		1		
Coachmen and Grooms	5	2	1	1	Ironmongers	16	2	1	1
Coal Merchants	2	2	1		Job Masters	3	1		
Collectors	3		1		Journalists	14	5		
Companions	12	5	1	8					

	Central	Branch		
		Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Labourers		1	1	
Lay Reader	1			
Laundresses			2	
Lithographers	1		1	
Lodging House Keepers	124	64		2
Machinists			3	
Managers	20	1		2
Masseuses	1	1		
Milliners	32	6		1
Musicians	23	1	3	
Naval & Military Officers	40	5		1
Nurses	17	3	2	5
Organists	5	1		
Outfitters	17	1		
Page Boy	1			
Painters and Decorators	23	10	11	
Photographers	21	2		
Physicians and Surgeons	30	3		4
Pianoforte Tuners	6		1	
Picture Frame Makers	4	2	1	
Plasterers	2	2		
Plumbers	8	7	1	
Policemen	1	4	2	
Porters	9	1	2	1
Postmen	7	2		
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists	26	9	2	2
Poulterer				1
Printers and Compositors	27	6	1	4
Professors of Music	7			
Railway Officials	6		2	
Restaurant Keepers	7			
Riding Master		1		
Saddlers	2	1		

	Central	Branch		
		Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Salesmen	15	3		
Scholars	401	75	22	16
Schoolmasters	22	6		
Schoolmistresses	23	7		
Secretaries	3			
Servants	78	24	2	6
Shop Assistants	161	40	8	4
Shopkeepers (various)	17	21	1	1
Solicitors	11	3	1	
Stationers	16	4	1	
Stone Masons	1	4	1	
Students	45	2	1	
Surveyors	1			
Tailors	21	9	1	1
Teachers and Tutors	122	24	4	1
Telegraph Messengers	6		3	
Telephone Operator	1			
Tobacconists		2	1	
Tram Drivers	2			
Travellers	8	1		
Trunk Makers	2			
Turner		1		
Typists	7			
Undertakers		2		
Upholsterers	3	1		
Waiters	1		1	
Waitresses	2	1		
Warehouseman	1			
Watchmakers and Jewellers	21	2		2
Wheelwrights	4			
Wine Merchants	5			1
Not stated (principally Ratepayers, wives of Ratepayers and Retired Persons	2233	515	141	183
TOTAL ...	4415	1094	287	301

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No. of Ratepayers,	Central	1405	
	Boscombe	328	
	Springbourne ...	93	
	Westbourne ...	71	
		——	1897
No. of Non-Ratepayers,	Central... ...	3010	
	Boscombe ...	766	
	Springbourne ...	194	
	Westbourne ...	230	
		——	4200
			——
			6197
			——

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are presented.
Those marked (‡ are exchanged mid-weekly.

Daily.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1
,, Express ...		1		
,, Graphic ...	1	1	1	1
,, Mail	1	1		
,, News	1	1	1	1
,, Telegraph ...	1	1		1
*Financial News ...	1	1		1
London Echo ...	1	1	1	
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	
,, Post ...	1	1		
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1		
Standard	1	1	1	1
Star	1	1	1	
Times	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1		
Bi-Weekly.				
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
,, Guardian	1	1	1	1
Weekly.				
Academy and Literature	1‡	1‡		
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1
Athenæum	1‡			1‡
Birmingham Weekly Post	1			
Black and White ...		1	1	1
*Board of Trade Journal		1		
Bournemouth Observer...	1	1	1	1
*British Architect ...	1‡	1‡		
British Weekly ...	1	1		
Builder	1‡	1‡	1	1
Building News ...	1‡	1‡	1	
*Canadian Gazette ..			1	
Cardiff Times ...	1			
Catholic Times ...	1	1		
Christian World ...	1	1		
Church Times ...	1	1		
*Civil Service Aspirant...	1			
*Civil Service Weekly (Clarke's) ...		1		
Cycling	1	1		

Weekly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Economist	1			
English Mechanic ...		1	1	1
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1		
Field	1	1‡		1‡
Gardening	1	1		
Gentlewoman ...	1	1		
Graphic	1	1		
Guardian	1‡	1‡		
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1		
*Herald of the Golden Age			1	
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1		1	1
Illustrated London News	1	1	1	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News ...		1		
Lady		1	1	1
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		
Literary World ...	1	1		
Liverpool Weekly Post		1		
*Local Government Chronicle ...			1	
Manchester Guardian ...	1			
Municipal Journal ...	1	1	1	
Nature	1‡			1‡
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle ...	1			
Outlook	1	1		
Pilot	1			
*Public Health ...		1		
Punch	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	1		
Scientific American ...	1	1		
Scientific American Sup.	1	1		
Science Siftings ...	1	1		1
Sketch	1	1	1	1
Speaker	1‡	1‡		
Spectator	1‡	1‡		
Sphere		1		
*Tablet	1			
T.P.'s Weekly ...	1	1	1	1
Truth	1	1	1	1

Weekly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
*University Correspondent	1			
Weekly Scotsman ...		1		
Week's Survey ...	1	1		
Western Gazette ...		1	1	1
Yorkshire Weekly Post...		1		
Monthly.				
Those marked (‡) are exchanged at the end of the month.				
Art Journal	1			
*Baker and Confectioner		1		
Boys' Own Paper ...		1		
Cassell's Family Magazine		1		
		1	1	1
Cassier's Magazine ...	1‡	1‡		
Century	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1		
Chums	1			
*Concord		1		
Contemporary Review ...	1	1‡	1‡	
*Educational Review ...	1			
English Illustrated ...		1		
*Facts		1		
Fortnightly Review ...	1	1‡		1‡
Gentleman's Magazine ...	1			
Girls' Own Paper ...		1		
Good Words	1	1	1	1
Harmsworth Magazine ...	1	1	1	
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
Idler ...	1			1
Knowledge		1		
*Labour Gazette ...		1		
Ladies' Realm ...	1	1		
Magazine of Art ...	1	1		
Monthly Review ...	1			
*Musical Times ...	1			
*Navy League Journal ...	1	1		
New Liberal Review ...	1			1
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1		
*Nonconformist Musical Journal		1		
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1		
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
Photogram	1			
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1

Monthly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1		
*Strad	1			
Strand	1	1	1	1
Studio	1			
*Travel			1	
*Troubadour	1	1		
*University Extension Journal	1			
Windsor	1	1		
Woman at Home ...	1	1		
World's Work ...	1‡	1‡		
Directories.				
Advertiser's A.B.C. ...		1	1	
*Army and Navy Lists ...	1	1		
Bennetts' Business ...	1	1		
*Chambers' Traders ...		1		
Crockford's Clerical ...	1			
*Dentist's Register ...	1	1		
*Hampton's Scholastic...	1	1		
Kelly's Bournemouth ...	1	1	1	1
Kelly's Cabinet, Furniture & Upholstery Trades...	1			
Kelly's County Councils, etc.	1			
Kelly's London P.O. ...	1	1		
,, London Suburban	1			
London Directory ...	1	1	1	1
Mate's Business Directory of Bournemouth	1	1		1
*Medical Register ...	1	1		
*Peck's Circular ...		1		
Perry's Trading and Professional	1			
*Practical Advertising ...	1	1		
*South Western Counties		1		
Stubb's Manufacturers & Professional ...	1	1		
*Trades' Directory of Hants, Sussex, Isle of Wight	1			
*Vicker's Newspaper ...	1			
*Bournemouth Directory	1			
* ,, Observer	1			

Railway Time Tables.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne	Railway Time Tables.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Borough Time Table ...	1	1	1	1	*Great Western ...	1	1	1	1
Bradshaw	1	1	1	1	*Highland	1			
*Caledonian	1	1	1	1	*London Brighton and South Coast ...	1	1	1	1
*Glasgow and South Western		1	1	1	*London & North W'stern	1	1	1	1
*Great Central ...	1	1			*London & South W'stern	1	1	1	1
* ,, Eastern ...	1				*Midland	1	1	1	1
* ,, Northern ...	1	1		1	*North British ...	1	1	1	1

List of Donors, 1902-3.

Name of Donor.	No. of Vols.	Name of Donor.	No. of Vols.
Allwood, Mrs. ...	1	Heywood, Col. ...	1
Anonymous ...	3	Joubert, Mr. ...	4
Beacon, Mr. R. (The Author) ...	1	Liddiard, Mr. J. E., F.R.G.S. ...	various maps, reports, etc.
Blackman, Mrs. ...	42		
Boulger, Mr. D. C. (The Author) ...	1		
Brown, Mr. N. N. ...	3	Perry & Co., Messrs.	1
Guildhall Library Committee, London	3	Ransome, Dr. ...	6
		Scott, Miss ...	2
Hankinson, Mr. T. J., J.P. ...	14	Simeon, Mrs. ...	15
Hedge, Mrs. ...	65 for blind readers	Wheble, Mr. C. ...	19 for blind readers.
		Whitford, Miss ...	1

Libraries.

Reports, etc. have been received from the following Public Libraries :—

Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chicago, U.S. (John Crerar Library), Colchester, Cork, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow (Baillie's Institution), Glasgow (Stirling's Library), Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leyton, Middesbrough, Penge, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Westminster, Wigan, West Bromwich, Wimbledon, Worcester.

County Borough of Bournemouth.

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Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee

1903-4.

BOURNEMOUTH.
Printed for the Committee.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1901 (estimated) 60,000.
Area of Borough, 5850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £500,000.
Public Libraries Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.

PUBLICATIONS:—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.
Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895. *2d.* o.p.
Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. *2d.* o.p.
Re-issue of the Catalogue of the Reference Library, April, 1902. *3d.*
Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, January, 1896. *6d.*
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Central Lending Library, January, 1900. o.p.
Catalogues of the Branch Libraries, 1898. *1d.*
Catalogue of the Boscombe Branch Library, 1901. *2d.* o.p.
Supplementary Author and Subject Catalogue of the Central Lending Library, containing additions from publication of 1900 edition, September, 1903. *3d.*
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Boscombe Branch March, 1904. *3d.*
Annual Reports, 1893-4, 1894-5, 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8. 1898-9, 1899-1900, 1900-01, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04.

Committee.

Chairman: MR. C. J. WHITTING.
Vice-Chairman: *DR. G. FROST.

*MR. R. Y. BANKS.
*MR. W. BOLTON.
*MR. C. FRAMPTON.
MR. G. GALPIN.
DR. G. A. GEORGE.
REV. J. D. JONES, M.A., B.D.
(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee.)
*MR G. J. LAWSON.
MR. C. T. MILES.
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.)
*MR. H. C. STOCKLEY, J.P.
MR. J. A. TOONE.

* Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.
Sub-Librarian: WILLIAM C. SAYERS.

Senior Assistants:
WILLIAM WILDING.
HUGH STEVENSON.
ARTHUR HAWKES.

Junior Assistants:
LEWIS CORNER.
ALFRED SIMS.
GEORGE FRY.
EDGAR OSBORNE.

Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

Eleventh Annual Report

OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,

1903-1904.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Bournemouth.

Gentlemen,—

In presenting the Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1904, your Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in again recording continuous progress

During the nine years in which the Borough has possessed a Public Library an aggregate of 1,425,695 volumes has been issued. The year just ended shows a record of 219,184 volumes—an increase of 18,578 over the previous twelve months. Of this total 146,886 are accredited to the Central Lending Library, 16,298 to the Reference Department (a gratifying advance of 30 per cent. in this most important section), 35,127 to Boscombe, 12,749 to Westbourne and 9,142 to Springbourne.

The entire stock of books on the shelves now owned by the Ratepayers amounts to 21,664 volumes (an increase of 1,241 in the year), of which 14,275 are placed in the Central Lending, 4,704 are

divided between the three Branches, and 2,685 form the Reference Library. The returns show that the stock has been "turned over" ten times during last year. Your Committee are anxious to use every means of encouraging the reading of serious literature, and are able to report that the proportion of non-fiction issued is 4 per cent. higher than it was two years ago. Further evidence of the improved public taste for the best books is found in the growing demand by borrowers for Student's Tickets enabling them to take out one novel and one other book at the same time.

Two notable presentations are gratefully acknowledged by your Committee. Mrs. F. A. Powys, of Branksome Park, gave the Library a Celestial and Terrestial Globe of considerable value, in addition to 400 useful books, and Rear-Admiral Sir John Fullerton kindly contributed a large number of rare shells, which are now being arranged by the Staff with the voluntary assistance of Dr. Dixon. It is proposed to name these shells the "Fullerton Collection."

The most important event of the year, however, was the receipt, after a long correspondence, of a letter from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, as follows :—

SKIBO CASTLE,
DORNOCH, SUTHERLAND,
July 30th, 1903.

C. J. WHITTING, ESQ.,
Chairman, Bournemouth Public Library.

Dear Sir,

Respecting your communications on behalf of Bournemouth, Mr. Carnegie will take pleasure in giving Ten Thousand Pounds sterling for the erection of Four small Branch Library Buildings in Bournemouth, to replace the present rented inadequate quarters, and to give a Library to Winton. Mr. Carnegie does this on the understanding that the Library Rate, amounting to not less than Nineteen Hundred Pounds per year, be devoted to the support of the Library System, and that Sites be provided for those Four Branch Library Buildings, the cost of same not being a burden upon the Library Rate.

Respectfully yours,
JAS. BERTRAM,
P. Secretary.

Mr. Carnegie's munificent offer was at once communicated to your Council as the Library Authority under Section 11 of the Public Libraries Act. The Committee deeply regret that the

conditions of the proposed gift have not yet been fulfilled. It is earnestly hoped that the generosity of the ground landlords, or other public spirited citizens will very soon provide the sites for the Branch Library Buildings which are so urgently required. It must be admitted that the existing temporary branches are all unworthy of the educational place they are intended to fill in the corporate life of the town.

A Supplementary Author and Subject Catalogue of 3,500 volumes added since 1900 to the Central Lending Library, and a complete Catalogue of 2,600 volumes in the Boscombe Branch, have been published recently.

There has been no change in the *personnel* of either the Committee or the Staff during the year.

C. J. WHITTING,
Chairman.

Attendances of Commtttee for year ending 31st March, 1904.

Number of Meetings.	12	10	11	
Committees—	Public Library.	Books. Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Total of Attendances.
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman*	12	8	11	31 out of 33
*Dr. G. Frost, *Vice-Chairman*	8	6	8	22 „ 33
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., *Chairman Books Sub-Committee*	7	8	—	15 „ 22
Mr. C. T. Miles, F.R.I.B.A., *Chairman Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee*	12	—	11	23 „ 23
*Mr. R. Y. Banks	7	3	—	10 „ 22
*Mr. W. Bolton	6	—	6	12 „ 23
*Mr. C. Frampton	9	—	10	19 „ 23
Mr. G. Galpin	9	8	—	17 „ 22
Dr. G. A. George	6	5	—	11 „ 22
*Mr. G. J. Lawson	3	—	4	7 „ 23
*Mr. H. C. Stockley, J.P....	12	—	10	22 „ 23
Mr. J. A. Toone	9	8	—	17 „ 22

* Members of Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in the Lending Library.

Class.		March 31st, 1904.
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	650
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities	915
C.	History, Biography	1,896
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, etc.	412
E.	Natural and Mathematical Science	973
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	799
G.	Useful and Constructive Arts...	473
H.	Language and Literature	237
J.	Poetry and the Drama	497
K:	Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	6,301
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works	1,122
		14,275
	Number of Volumes in Branch Libraries	4,704
	„ „ in Reference Library	2,685
	Total ...	21,664

Table of Issues from all Departments, January 1st to December 31st, 1903.

Month	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics, & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total
January	316	808	1004	228	531	439	311	259	303	15348	1047	20596
February	290	762	1057	182	594	397	275	288	281	14049	974	19149
March	318	730	1201	160	547	452	309	391	292	14390	1099	19889
April	258	793	963	124	520	420	221	386	231	13414	1490	18820
May	245	745	976	157	468	393	228	466	355	13793	1004	18830
June	254	668	903	146	456	376	223	466	408	12570	1016	17486
July	233	632	781	142	389	288	197	250	256	12541	871	16580
August	190	726	696	124	337	309	179	181	174	11850	743	15509
September	238	552	713	148	442	335	260	312	237	12396	951	16584
October	246	652	1056	178	585	472	292	243	219	14348	1134	19425
November	239	697	978	168	533	470	275	371	376	13147	1038	18292
December	243	717	1067	146	425	392	258	242	277	13247	1010	18024
	3070	8482	11395	1903	5827	4743	3028	3855	3409	161093	12377	219184

Table of Issues from the Central Lending Library, 1903.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religious and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Literature and Language	J Poetry and Drama	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	TOTAL	Daily Average
January	27	224	416	688	157	300	361	191	82	179	10838	655	14096	522
February ...	24	217	384	724	129	280	340	194	73	158	9981	611	13091	544
March	26	211	364	773	127	297	381	170	86	171	10025	608	13213	508
April	24	181	371	626	86	262	322	161	67	135	9450	577	12237	509
May	26	188	343	622	93	289	296	159	72	143	9729	523	12457	479
June	25	162	297	549	114	238	262	168	62	126	8926	484	11388	455
July	27	147	285	515	109	225	232	127	54	125	8670	424	10913	404
August	25	154	313	499	80	216	256	131	54	133	8441	461	10738	429
September ...	26	175	286	489	103	248	286	164	55	148	8745	449	11148	428
October	27	172	330	702	126	335	384	181	66	140	10054	569	13059	483
November ...	25	169	362	672	112	329	383	200	60	158	9263	589	12297	491
December ..	25	188	373	667	105	269	344	183	64	163	9293	600	12249	489
	307	2193	4124	7526	1341	3288	3847	2029	795	1770	113415	6550	146886	478

Table of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1903.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	C Topography and Travel	D History and Biography	D Natural Science, Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Literature	TOTAL	DAILY AVERAGE
January	27	36	168	135	39	120	47	73	153	90	9	308	1178	43
February	24	25	143	147	28	190	26	55	199	98	2	285	1198	49
March	26	48	144	204	15	128	42	108	286	97	3	406	1481	57
April	24	42	200	157	18	158	57	39	307	69	31	791	1869	77
May	26	20	169	133	40	91	63	41	385	182	8	393	1525	56
June	25	56	154	158	11	129	90	31	399	251	2	460	1741	69
July	27	45	150	92	10	101	31	39	184	113	28	370	1163	43
August	25	18	257	72	24	62	28	26	115	30	5	215	852	34
September	26	30	134	100	31	122	30	75	243	69	16	428	1278	49
October	27	19	144	132	37	146	70	86	167	58	23	453	1335	49
November	25	26	139	136	37	110	70	57	302	191	72	369	1509	46
December	25	19	137	226	33	64	19	55	162	105	15	334	1169	60
	307	384	1939	1692	323	1421	573	685	2902	1353	214	4812	16298	52

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Lending Library, 1903.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose, Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	TOTAL	Daily Average
January	14	26	97	82	19	39	15	10	7	9	2946	35	3285	234
February	12	27	107	98	17	34	14	5	7	11	2629	25	2974	247
March	13	34	99	119	12	46	9	8	3	13	2758	31	3132	241
April	12	18	117	80	9	36	13	6	1	6	2457	55	2798	233
May	13	12	125	117	19	44	11	13	2	12	2643	43	3041	233
June	13	13	95	107	11	46	16	9	1	10	2525	30	2873	221
July	14	17	82	76	6	25	15	16	2	10	2632	42	2923	208
August	12	13	48	50	7	17	12	9	4	3	2172	26	2361	199
September	13	24	44	68	8	37	8	5	5	5	2400	31	2635	202
October	14	36	72	133	10	48	11	6	3	8	2854	56	3237	231
November	12	25	97	82	6	44	1	12	1	15	2454	31	2775	231
December	13	26	120	92	4	53	13	9	4	3	2738	31	3093	237
	155	271	1103	1104	128	469	145	108	40	105	31218	436	35127	226

Table of Issues from the Westbourne Branch Lending Library.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction, and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	Total	Daily Average
January	14	13	60	57	8	22	11	14	10	13	885	31	1124	80
February	12	12	60	58	4	32	9	3	5	9	844	40	1076	89
March	13	15	63	62	1	29	7	8	8	5	959	33	1190	91
April	12	6	58	53	—	22	11	7	5	5	824	37	1028	85
May	13	4	67	63	—	12	8	5	—	3	846	22	1030	79
June	12	5	57	35	1	17	3	5	—	13	692	22	850	70
July	13	3	63	56	4	13	5	6	3	1	699	27	880	67
August	13	2	65	46	3	18	4	6	4	3	743	30	924	71
September	12	4	50	38	—	17	3	2	3	7	670	27	821	68
October	14	8	64	56	1	19	4	7	2	2	834	29	1026	73
November	13	9	57	48	4	22	2	2	6	4	814	23	991	76
December	12	4	39	49	—	16	6	5	6	3	663	18	809	87
	153	85	703	621	26	239	73	70	52	68	9473	339	11749	76

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Lending Library, 1903.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Policits, & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous & General Works	Total	Daily Average
January	9	12	67	42	5	50	5	23	7	12	670	18	911	101
February	8	9	68	30	4	58	8	18	4	5	593	13	810	101
March	8	10	60	43	5	47	13	15	8	6	645	21	873	109
April	9	11	47	47	11	42	17	8	6	16	652	33	890	98
May	9	21	41	41	5	32	15	10	6	15	568	23	777	86
June	8	18	65	54	9	26	5	10	4	8	415	20	634	79
July	9	21	52	42	13	25	5	9	7	7	512	8	701	77
August	9	3	43	29	10	24	9	7	4	5	489	11	634	70
September	9	5	38	18	6	18	8	14	6	8	565	16	702	78
October	9	11	42	33	4	37	3	12	5	11	583	27	768	85
November	8	10	42	40	9	28	7	4	2	8	544	26	720	90
December	8	6	48	33	4	23	10	6	6	3	538	27	704	88
	103	137	613	452	85	410	105	136	65	104	6774	243	9124	88

Representative Statistics of Works other than Fiction issued from the Central Lending Lending Library, 1903.

A

		Times issued.
A'Kempis	Imitation of Christ	13
Blavatsky	Key to Theosophy	10
Bullen	With Christ at Sea. *2 copies*	23
,,	Apostles of the South-East	17
Drummond	Ideal Life	21
Fairbairn	Philosophy of the Christian Religion	13
Lowry	Work of the Holy Spirit	17
Mabie	Life of the Spirit	10
Moll	Hypnotism	18
Newman	Apologia	15
Schopenhauer	Pessimism	13
Skeats and Miall	History of the Free Churches	11

B

Besant	Fifty Years Ago	20
Creighton	Historical Essays	18
De Crespigny	New Forest	17
Dewar	Hampshire and the Isle of Wight	15
Gardiner	Puritan Revolution	11
Green	Conquest of England	9
Lynch	French Life in Town and Country	17
McCarthy	Queen Anne. 2 v.	18
Moule	Old Dorset	14
Smyth	Great Pyramid	15
Steevens	Land of the Dollar	16
Vincent	China to Peru	18

C

Bowker	Alfred the Great	12
Burton	Sir Richard Burton	20
Carlyle, J. W.	Letters. 3 v.	34
,, ,,	New Letters	17
Fitchett	Nelson and his Captains	18
Gaskell	Brontë	16
Jay	Robert Buchanan	13
O'Connor	Beaconsfield	11
Ridley	Frances M. Buss	12
Temple, Sir R.	Story of My Life	11
Tennyson	Alfred, Lord Tennyson	23
Wallace	Beethoven's Letters	11

D

Atlay	Famous Trials	17
Booth	Life and Labour. Religious Influence. 7 v.	112
Fitch	Lectures on Teaching	11
,,	Heart of the Empire	12
Howell	Capital and Labour	10
Kidd	Principles of Western Civilization	9
Lawrie	Training of Teachers	11
Spencer	Study of Sociology	9
Thring	Training of Teachers	15
Warren	How to deal with your Banker	18
Westermarch	History of Human Marriage	13

E

		Times issued.
Darwin	Descent of Man	12
Dawson	Origin of the World	14
Edmondson	Deductions in Euclid	20
Fahie	Wireless Telegraphy	17
Jenkins	Electricity and Magnetism	15
Laing	Human Origins	15
Lodge	Modern Views of Electricity	16
Loney	Statics and Dynamics	14
Owen	Anatomy	13
Pratt	Wild Flowers. 2 v.	20
Thornton	Book keeping	12
Wallace	Darwinism	9

F

Hatton	Perspective for Art Students	12
Hutchinson	Hints on Learning to Draw	14
Jackson	Theory and Practice of Design	17
Lanteri	Modelling	10
Parker	Art of Building a Home	14
,,	Introduction to Gothic Architecture	10
Ruskin	Elements of Drawing. *2 copies*	21
,,	Modern Painters. 5 v.	42
,,	Mornings in Florence	18
Taylor	Elementary Art Teaching	10
Townsend	Plant and Floral Studies	18
Ward	Principles of Ornament	21

G

Allsop	Practical Electric Light Fitting	16
Beeton	Cookery Book	18
Burch	Electrical Science	15
Hobday	Villa Gardening	14
Mitchell	Advanced Building Construction	19
Newsholme	Hygiene	17
Penlake	Home Portraiture	18
Rosevear	Needlework and Cutting Out	14
Slingo	Electrical Engineering	17
Spon	Workshop Receipts. 5 v.	45
Urquhart	Dynamo Construction	17
Wall	Manual of Photography	16

H

Collins	Ephemera Critica	9
Courthope	Life in Poetry, Law in Taste	7
Dawson	Makers of Modern Poetry	13
,,	Makers of Modern Prose	14
Dowden	Puritan and Anglican	9
Harrison	Tennyson, Ruskin, Mill	10
,,	Early Victorian Literature	11
Meiklejohn	English Grammar	10
Russell	Author's Manual	10
Taine	English Literature. 4 v.	22
Winchester	Principles of Literary Criticism	9

J

Arnold (Matthew)	Poetical Works	10
Barham	Ingoldsby Legends	15
Cary (trans)	Vision of Dante	12
Swanwick (trans)	Goethe's Faust	11
Harte	Poetical Works	11
Keats	Poetical Works	10
Kipling	Seven Seas	15

J—*continued.*

		Times issued.
Phillips ..	Ulysses ..	15
Rossetti (Christina) ..	Poems ..	21
Shakespeare ..	Works ..	15
Sheridan ..	Dramatic Works ..	10
Tennyson ..	Ballads and Poems ..	11
Thousand Best Poems in the World. 2 v.	..	32

L

Bacon ..	Essays, ed. Whatley ..	13
Bardsley ..	English Surnames ..	10
Carnegie ..	Empire of Business (Oct.)	12
Dickens ..	To be read at Dusk ..	29
Emerson ..	English Traits ..	13
Hammerton ..	Intellectual Life ..	13
Holmes ..	Professor at the Breakfast Table ..	12
Jameson ..	Shakespeare's Heroines ..	13
Laing ..	Modern Science and Modern Thought ..	18
Ruskin ..	Sesame and Lilies. *2 copies* ..	34
Stevenson ..	Men, Women and Books ..	14
Wells ..	Anticipations ..	13

Music.

Beethoven ..	Overtures ..	13
Fleming ..	Old Violins ..	10
Gilbert and Sullivan	Yeomen of the Guard ..	17
Handel ..	Messiah ..	15
Haweis ..	Violins ..	11
Lazarus ..	Clarinet Tutor ..	7
Mendelssohn ..	Elijah ..	11
,, ..	Lieder ohne Worte ..	21
Parry ..	Art of Music ..	13
Pitman and Brown ..	Songs of Scotland ..	24
Planquette ..	Cloches de Corneville ..	20
Sloper ..	Touch, Fingering and Execution ..	12
Stainer and Barrett..	Musical Terms ..	13
Taylor ..	System of Sight Singing ..	9
Wagner ..	Meistersinger ..	14

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1903.

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Accountants	9			
Agents	24	8	3	
Analysts	1		1	
Apprentices	11		1	
Architects	31	1		
Art Needleworkers	3			
Artists	10	4		1
Assistant Librarians	12			
Auctioneers	7			
Authors	3			
Bakers	5	3		
Bank Officials	15	1		3
Barmen	8			
Bath Chairmen	3			
Billposters	2			
Blacksmith	1			
Booksellers	5			
Book-keepers	29	3	2	1
Bootmakers	12		4	
Borough Officials	11			
Builders	21	2		
Butchers	10	3		
Butlers	6			
Cab Drivers	5		2	
Cabinet Makers	19		2	1
Caretakers	8	2		
Carpenters & Joiners	34	14		
Carters	1	2	1	
Carvers & Designers	2			
Cashiers	11	2		
Chemists & Assistants	27	4		1
Chimney Sweep	1			
China Dealer	1			
Clergymen	35	2		4
Clerks	146	17	2	3
Coachmen & Grooms	12			2
Coal Merchants	2			
Collectors		1		
Companions	14			2
Confectioners	9	2		
Cooks	7			

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Costumiers	10	3	1	
Cycle Makers	6	1	2	
Dairymen		1	2	
Dentists	13			
Drapers & Assistants	55	3		1
Draughtsmen	2			
Dressmakers	107	15	5	2
Electricians	13	2		
Engineers	10	2	1	
Errand Boys	14	5	4	
Fishmongers	3	1		
Florists	5	1		1
Footmen	3	1		
French Polishers	4			
Fruiterers	5			
Furnishers	5		1	1
Gardeners	21			
Gasfitters	3	1		
Governesses	23	4		2
Greengrocers	8	1		1
Grocers & Assistants	41	4	3	2
Hairdressers	22	2		
Hosiers & Hatters	4			
Hospital Nurses	11			
Hotel Proprietors	9			
Housekeepers	23	8		
Inland Revenue Officers	3			
Inspectors	4	2		
Ironmongers	19	1	4	1
Journalists	9	1		
Labourers	2			1
Lay Reader	1			
Laundresses	1	3	3	
Lithographers	2			
Lodging House Keepers	101	16		
Machinists	2			1
Managers	20	4	1	
Masseuses	3			1
Milliners	43	8	1	
Musicians	20		1	
Naval and Military Officers	25	2		1

Occupation of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Central	Branch: Boscombe	Branch: Springbourne	Branch: Westbourne
Nurses	15	9		2
Optician	1			
Organists	7	2		
Outfitters	6	1		
Page Boys	9			
Painters & Decorators	22	4	11	
Photographers	35		1	
Physicians & Surgeons	28	1		2
Pianoforte Tuners	6			
Picture Frame Makers	1		1	
Plasterers	3			
Plumbers	7	2	1	
Policemen	3			
Porters	13			
Postmen	10		1	
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists	21	3	8	2
Poulterer	1			
Printers & Compositors	33	6	1	
Professors of Music	11			
Railway Officials	3		2	
Restaurant Keepers	3			
Riding Master	1			
Sacristans	2			
Salesmen and Saleswomen	13	1		
Scholars	470	50	25	14
Schoolmasters	22	2		
Schoolmistresses	18			
Secretaries	9			
Servants	93	27	7	9
Shop Assistants	130	22	16	1
Shopkeepers (various)	10	3		
Slaters	2			
Solicitors	20			
Stationers	17	1		
Stone Masons	3	2	1	1
Students	36	1	2	1
Surveyors	3			1
Sweep	1			
Tailors	20	8	1	
Teachers and Tutors	121	23	5	4
Telegraph Messengers	5			
Telephone Operators	3	1		
Tobacconists	7	1		
Tram Drivers and Conductors	7		1	
Travellers	2	1		1
Trunk Maker	1			
Turners	2			
Typists	9			
Upholsterers	3	1		
Veterinary Surgeon		1		
Waiters	3	2		
Waitresses	8			
Watchmakers and Jewellers	25	1		1
Wheelwrights	2			
Wine Merchants	6			1
Not stated (principally Ratepapers, wives of Ratepayers & Retired Persons)	3121	1096	171	184
Total ...	5682	1402	302	256
	7642			

No. of Ratepayers,	Central	1470	
	Boscombe	397	
	Springbourne ...	97	
	Westbourne... ...	101	
		——	2065
No. of Non-Ratepayers,	Central ...	4212	
	Boscombe ...	1005	
	Springbourne ...	205	
	Westbourne ...	155	
		——	5577
			——
			7642
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Libraries.

Reports, etc., have been received from the following Public Libraries.

Aberdeen, Acton, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopsgate, Blackburn, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Colchester, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hartlepool, Hammersmith, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington, Leeds, Leighton, Middlesborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Penge, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wednesbury, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Worcester.

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked (*) are presented.

Those marked (‡) are exchanged mid-weekly.

Daily.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Bournemouth Daily Echo		2	1	
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1
„ Express ...		1		
„ Graphic ...	1	1	1	1
„ Mail ...	1	1	1	
„ News ...	1	1	1	1
„ Telegraph ...	1	1		1
*Financial News ...	1	1		1
London Echo ...	1	1	1	
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	
„ Post ...	1	1		
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1		
Standard ...	1	1	1	1
Star ...	1	1	1	
Times ...	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1		
Bi-Weekly.				
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1
„ Guardian	1	1	1	1
Weekly.				
Academy and Literature	1‡	1‡		
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1
Amateur Photographer...	1			
Architect ...	1‡	1‡		
Athenæum ...	1‡			1‡
Athletic News ...			1	1
Birmingham Weekly Post	1			
Black and White ...		1	1	1
*Board of Trade Journal		1		
Bournemouth Observer...	1	1	1	1
*British Architect ...		1		
British Weekly ...	1	1		
Builder ...	1	1		1
Building News ...	1‡	1‡	1	
*Canadian Gazette ...				1
Catholic Times ...	1	1		
Christian World ...	1	1		
Church Times ...		1		
*Civil Service Aspirant...	1			

Weekly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
*Civil Service Weekly (Clarke's) ...		1		
Cycling ...	1	1		
Economist ...	1‡	1‡		
Electrician ...	1‡	1‡		
*English Churchman ...		1		
English Mechanic ...		1	1	1
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1		
Field ...	1	1‡		1‡
Gardening ...	1	1		
Gentlewoman ...	1	1		
Graphic ...	1	1		
Guardian ...	1‡	1‡		
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1		
*Herald of the Golden Age				1
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1
Hobbies ...	1		1	1
Illustrated London News	1	1	1	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News ...		1		
Lady ...		1	1	1
Lady's Field ...		1		
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		
Literary World ...	1	1		
*Local Government Chronicle ...	1			
Manchester Guardian ...	1			
Municipal Journal ...	1	1	1	
Musical News ...	1			
Nature ...	1‡			1‡
Newcastle-on Tyne Weekly Chronicle ...	1			
Outlook ...	1	1		
Pilot ...	1‡	1‡		
*Public Health ...		1		
Punch ...	1	1	1	1
Queen ...	1	1		
*Railway News ...		1		
Scientific American ...	1	1		
Scientific American Sup.	1	1		

Weekly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Science Siftings ...	1	1		1
Sketch ...	1	1	1	1
Speaker ...	1‡	1‡		
Spectator ...	1‡	1‡		
Sphere ...		1		
T.P.'s Weekly ...	1	1	1	1
Truth ...	1	1	1	1
*University Correspondent ...	1			
Week's Survey ...	1	1		
Western Gazette		1	1	1
Yorkshire Weekly Post...		1		

Monthly.

Those marked (‡) are exchanged at the end of the month.

Art Journal ...	1			
*Baker and Confectioner		1		
Boys' Own Paper ...		1		
Cassell's Family Magazine ...		1	1	1
Cassier's Magazine ...	1‡	1‡		
Century ...	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1		
Chums ...	1			
*Concord ...		1		
Contemporary Review ...	1‡	1‡	1‡	1‡
English Illustrated ...		1		
Fortnightly Review ...	1‡	1‡	1‡	1‡
Gentleman's Magazine ...	1			
Girls' Own Paper ...		1		
Good Words ...	1	1	1	1
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
Idler ...	1	1		1
Knowledge ...		1		
*Labour Gazette ...		1		
Ladies' Realm ...	1	1		
London Magazine ...		1	1	
Magazine of Art ...	1			
Monthly Review ...	1			
*Musical Times ...	1			
*Navy League Journal ...	1	1		
New Liberal Review ...	1			1
Nineteenth Century ...	1‡	1‡	1‡	1‡

Monthly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
*Nonconformist Musical Journal ...		1		
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1		
*Patents ...	1			
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
Photogram ...	1			
Review of Reviews ..	1	1	1	1
Royal Magazine ...		1		
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1		
*Strad ...	1			
Strand ...	1	1	1	1
Studio ...	1			
*Travel ...				1
*Troubadour ...	1	1		
*University Extension Journal ...	1			
Windsor ...	1	1		
*Wings ...	1			
Woman at Home ...	1	1		
World's Work ...	1‡	1‡		

Quarterlies.

*Journal of Balneology and Climatology ...	1			
*Verulam Review ...	1			

Directories.

Advertiser's A.B.C. ...	1			
Army and Navy Lists ...	1‡	1‡		
Crockford's Clerical ...	1	1		
*Hampton's Scholastic...	1	1		
Kelly's Bournemouth ...	1	1	1	
Kelly's County Councils etc. ...	1			
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset ...	1	1		
Kelly's London P.O. ...	1	1		
,, London Suburban	1			
London Directory ...	1	1	1	1
*Macdonald's ...	1			
Mate's Business Directory of Bournemouth	1			
Medical Directory ...	1			
Perry's Trading and Professional ...	1			

Directories.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Portsmouth and Southampton ...	1			
*Practical Advertising ...	1	1		
*South Western Counties		1		
Stubb's Manufacturers and Professional ...	1	1		
Railway Time Tables.				
Borough Time Table ...	1	1	1	1
Bradshaw ...	1	1	1	1

Railway Time Tables.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
*Caledonian ...	1	1	1	1
*Great Central ...	1	1		
* „ Eastern ...	1			
* „ Northern ...	1	1	1	1
*Great Western ...	1	1	1	1
*Highland ...	1			
*London Brighton and South Coast ...	1	1	1	1
*London & NorthW'stern	1	1	1	1
*London & SouthW'stern	1	1	1	1
*Midland ...	1	1	1	1
*North British ...	1	1	1	1

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County Borough of Bournemouth.

TWELFTH

Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1904—5.

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OF THE

PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE,

1904-1905.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the County Borough of Bournemouth.

Gentlemen,—

The Public Libraries Committee have the honour to present to your Council their Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1905.

The issue of books since the Library was first opened in January, 1895, has now reached an aggregate of 1,636,218 volumes. Of this total 210,523 were taken out in the year 1904, the Central Lending Library issuing 146,105, Central Reference 13,275, Boscombe 32,559, Westbourne 9,870, and Springbourne 8,714. The complete stock of books now amounts to 23,162 volumes, distributed as follows:—Central Lending 15,301, Central Reference 2,768, Boscombe 2,533, Westbourne 1,366, and Springbourne 1,194.

The Committee are pleased to once more report an increase in the proportion of serious to imaginative literature taken by borrowers, and hope to see this tendency continue to grow in the future. During the present year a large number of valuable books will be added to the Reference Department, and these will doubtless be freely used by students and others interested in the most important subjects of human thought.

It is a matter of extreme regret that your Council have not yet been able to secure a site for either of the Branch Libraries which

Mr. Andrew Carnegie generously offered to erect. The existing premises are all unsuitable for Public Libraries, and the Committee earnestly appeal to wealthy citizens for assistance in providing sites, so that Mr. Carnegie's offer may not be lost to the town.

A temporary Newsroom was opened at Winton by the Mayor on February 8th last, and is greatly appreciated by residents in that part of the Borough. The Boscombe reading room is now open every week-day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., but the room devoted to the Library at Boscombe is inadequate for the demands of that large district. The Central Newsroom and Lending Library are also much too small for their purpose, and the need of a specially designed Central Library is most urgent.

The provision of Libraries specially adapted for the use of scholars in the higher standards of Primary Schools has frequently been discussed by the Committee and a system would have been inaugurated had funds permitted. The Libraries Committee observe with pleasure that at the last meeting of the Borough Education Committee it was resolved to establish School Libraries. A detailed scheme is in course of preparation, and this Committee will heartily co-operate to ensure its success, as they regard the encouragement of reading habits before leaving school to be of permanent educational value.

We have to deplore the loss of three valued colleagues during the past year. Death has unhappily removed Alderman H. C. Stockley, J.P., and Dr. G. A. George, to our great sorrow, and that of all who had the privilege of their friendship, or were in a position to estimate their unselfish public services. Dr. G. Frost's retirement will, we trust, be but temporary. His position of Vice-Chairman has been filled by the appointment of Alderman G. J. Lawson, and the three vacancies on the Committee by the election of Alderman A. J. Abbott, Alderman J. A. Parsons, J.P., and the Rev. F. E. Toyne.

One other personal change must be noted. In June, 1904, our able Sub-Librarian, Mr. W. C. Sayers, obtained a more lucrative post at the Croydon Public Library, and Mr. W. G. Wilding was appointed his successor here.

C. J. WHITTING, *Chairman.*

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1901 (estimated) 60,000.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £500,000.
Public Libraries Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.
Winton Temporary Branch Newsroom opened February 8th, 1905.

PUBLICATIONS:—Catalogue of the Lending Library, January, 1895. o.p.
Supplementary Catalogue, May, 1895 *2d.* o.p.
Catalogue of the Reference Library, 1895. *2d.* o.p.
Re-issue of the Catalogue of the Reference Library, April, 1902. *3d.*
Re-issue of Lending Library Catalogue, with additions to end of 1895, January, 1896. *6d.* o.p.
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Central Lending Library, January, 1900. o.p.
Catalogues of the Branch Libraries, 1898. *1d.*
Catalogue of the Boscombe Branch Library, 1901. *2d.* o.p.
Supplementary Author and Subject Catalogue of the Central Lending Library, containing additions from publication of 1900 edition, September, 1903. *3d.*
Author and Subject Catalogue of the Boscombe Branch, March, 1904. *3d.*
Annual Reports, 1893-4, 1894-5, 1895-6, 1896-7, 1897-8, 1898-9, 1899-1900, 1900-01, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05.

Committee.

Chairman: MR. C. J. WHITTING.
Vice-Chairman: *MR. G. J. LAWSON.

*MR. A. J. ABBOTT.
*MR. R. Y. BANKS.
*MR. W. BOLTON, J.P.
*MR. C. FRAMPTON.
MR. G. GALPIN.
REV. J. D. JONES, M.A., B.D.
(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee.)
MR. C. T. MILES.
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee).
*MR. J. A. PARSONS, J.P.
MR. J. A. TOONE.
REV. F. E. TOYNE.

* Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: CHARLES RIDDLE.
Sub-Librarian: WILLIAM WILDING.

Senior Assistants:
HUGH STEVENSON.
ARTHUR HAWKES.
LEWIS CORNER.

Junior Assistants:
ALFRED SIMS.
GEORGE FRY.
EDGAR OSBORNE.
ARTHUR RAINER.

Chief Caretaker: EDWARD JONES.

Attendances of Committee for year ending 31st March, 1905.

Committees—	Public Library	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Special Sub-Committee	Total of Attendances.
Number of Meetings.	12	10	11	3	
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman*	11	11	11	3	36 out of 36
*Mr. G. J. Lawson, *Vice-Chairman* ...	5	1	5	—	11 ,, ,, 33
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., *Chairman Books Sub-Committee*	9	9	—	—	18 ,, ,, 22
Mr. C. T. Miles, F.R.I.B.A., *Chairman Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee*	11	—	11	3	25 ,, ,, 25
*Mr. R. Y. Banks	7	7	—	2	16 ,, ,, 24
*Mr. W. Bolton, J.P.	6	—	4	—	10 ,, ,, 22
*Mr. C. Frampton	8	—	6	—	15 ,, ,, 23
Mr. G. Galpin	8	8	—	1	16 ,, ,, 22
*Mr. G. J. Abbott	4	—	2	—	6 ,, ,, 9
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P....	3	—	3	—	6 ,, ,, 10
Mr. J. A. Toone	11	11	—	1	23 ,, ,, 23
Rev. F. E. Toyne	4	4	—	—	8 ,, ,, 10

* Members of Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in all Departments.

Central Lending Library—

Class.	Mar. 31st, 1905.	Mar. 31st, 1904.	No. of Vols. added.
A. Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	684	650	34
B. Topography, Travels, Antiquities	1016	915	101
C. History, Biography	2021	1896	125
D. Law, Sociology, Education, etc.	468	412	56
E. Natural and Mathematical Science ...	1022	973	49
F. Fine and Recreative Arts	833	799	34
G. Useful and Constructive Arts	536	473	63
H. Language and Literature	267	237	30
J. Poetry and Drama	518	497	21
K. Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature ...	6781	6301	480
L. Miscellaneous and Collected Works ...	1155	1122	33
	15301	14275	1026
Reference Library	2768	2685	83
Boscombe Branch Library	2533	2419	114
Westbourne Branch Library	1366	1186	180
Springbourne Branch Library	1194	1099	95
Totals	23162	21664	1498

Table of Issues from all Departments, January 1st to December 31st, 1904.

Month	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics, & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	TOTAL
January	258	823	1039	182	526	485	328	204	280	14420	1112	19657
February	264	731	1075	167	476	489	290	229	249	13946	1052	18968
March	295	892	1027	189	502	549	241	283	265	14315	1151	19709
April	244	709	855	109	490	401	250	287	273	13109	1058	17785
May	227	710	839	112	352	337	236	231	160	12430	894	16528
June	197	654	703	131	397	341	244	397	285	12016	895	16260
July	173	590	648	103	359	281	183	126	192	11968	737	15360
August	195	591	591	110	293	284	200	123	158	11219	704	14468
September	232	658	744	173	422	332	308	221	212	12197	854	16353
October	315	740	948	193	493	461	410	325	307	13782	621	18595
November	250	693	970	197	427	420	319	312	290	13832	888	18598
December	267	685	891	196	415	432	348	292	242	13398	1066	18232
	2917	8476	10330	1862	5152	4812	3357	3030	2913	156632	11032	210513

Table of Issues from the Central Lending Library, 1904.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Literature and Language	J Poetry and Drama	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	TOTAL	Daily Average
January	26	192	446	735	117	327	399	230	77	190	10221	696	13630	524
February ...	25	190	451	750	106	314	390	202	63	153	10046	659	13324	532
March	27	223	506	731	117	340	442	164	63	155	10017	688	13446	498
April	24	177	381	577	76	267	346	182	72	126	9298	595	12097	504
May	26	157	422	570	74	237	301	176	68	88	8926	546	11565	444
June	26	149	371	450	86	238	269	166	76	90	8536	470	10901	419
July	26	139	360	442	72	203	256	136	71	110	8632	506	10927	420
August	26	155	320	410	79	210	234	149	64	105	8390	472	10588	407
September ...	26	170	345	520	108	287	284	242	61	138	8636	452	11243	432
October	26	219	457	677	129	297	364	267	93	175	10041	506	13225	508
November ...	26	187	405	702	99	300	334	261	87	179	9890	518	12962	498
December ...	26	183	398	600	96	252	311	231	83	123	9430	490	12197	469
	310	2141	4862	7164	1159	3272	3930	2406	878	1632	112063	6598	146105	471

Table of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1904.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	C Topography and Travel	D History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Literature	TOTAL	DAILY AVERAGE
January	26	25	153	106	47	98	67	55	106	57	2	334	1048	40
February	25	35	86	156	52	61	84	69	144	73	1	295	1056	42
March	27	29	140	83	67	59	96	49	211	77	9	369	1189	44
April	24	36	152	112	26	99	41	50	200	114	7	361	1198	49
May	26	39	121	132	23	61	22	48	152	58	1	283	940	36
June	26	25	134	132	39	99	46	57	308	177	2	362	1381	53
July	26	14	97	111	23	95	17	32	49	58	6	178	680	26
August	26	25	153	90	26	52	36	41	55	37	6	175	696	26
September	26	30	166	135	53	78	42	48	152	65	3	357	1129	43
October	26	78	140	156	59	122	85	123	226	110	10	49	1158	44
November	26	35	147	130	92	65	71	36	212	88	6	310	1192	45
December	26	35	167	191	97	85	108	96	197	105	17	510	1608	61
	310	404	1656	1634	604	974	615	704	2012	1019	70	3983	13275	42

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Lending Library, 1904.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	TOTAL	Daily Average
January	13	36	108	90	13	48	12	18	5	16	2780	32	3158	242
February	12	23	90	85	2	48	6	10	6	4	2499	31	2804	233
March	14	38	149	112	3	46	9	14	—	18	2900	22	3311	236
April	12	26	95	82	3	60	9	11	1	12	2544	24	2867	238
May	13	28	86	73	6	34	6	6	2	5	2441	23	2710	208
June	13	18	72	53	6	33	22	2	3	4	2344	7	2564	197
July	13	13	59	42	6	46	5	5	3	12	2189	11	2391	183
August	10	10	53	35	3	17	7	1	1	6	1748	18	1899	189
September	14	29	92	47	10	44	5	5	3	7	2368	27	2637	188
October	12	14	70	57	4	51	8	11	3	15	2281	29	2543	211
November	13	23	81	91	4	46	11	8	6	19	2569	27	2885	220
December	14	32	52	51	3	62	12	11	2	9	2510	46	2790	199
	153	290	1007	808	63	535	112	102	35	127	29173	297	32559	212

Table of Issues from the Westbourne Branch Lending Library, 1904.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics and Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction, and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works	Total	Daily Average
January	13	5	50	47	3	20	2	7	7	5	752	22	920	70
February	13	10	64	45	3	12	5	2	4	8	783	28	964	74
March	13	3	59	52	—	23	1	1	2	8	763	36	948	72
April	13	1	43	46	3	23	2	5	2	8	633	22	788	60
May	13	3	36	41	9	8	6	2	5	4	588	23	725	55
June	13	5	45	50	—	12	4	5	2	5	633	31	792	60
July	14	7	33	33	2	9	1	2	—	5	647	20	759	54
August	12	5	23	43	2	8	4	—	—	7	593	19	704	58
September	12	3	17	28	2	9	—	2	4	2	656	17	740	61
October	14	2	25	44	1	14	1	—	3	2	774	17	883	63
November	12	4	19	28	1	11	1	2	5	3	718	6	798	66
December	13	5	27	29	—	12	—	—	7	1	763	5	849	65
	155	53	441	486	26	161	27	28	41	58	8303	246	9870	63

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Lending Library, 1904.

MONTH	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics, & Education	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous & General Works	Total	Daily Average
January	9	2	66	61	2	33	5	18	9	12	665	28	901	100
February	8	6	40	39	4	41	4	7	12	11	617	39	820	102
March	9	2	38	49	2	34	1	13	7	7	626	36	815	90
April	9	4	38	38	1	41	3	2	12	13	627	56	835	92
May	8	—	45	23	—	12	2	4	4	5	474	19	588	73
June	9	—	32	18	—	15	—	14	8	9	501	25	622	69
July	9	—	41	20	—	6	2	8	3	7	494	22	603	67
August	9	—	42	13	—	6	3	9	3	3	482	20	581	64
September	8	—	38	14	—	4	1	11	1	—	534	1	604	75
October	9	2	48	14	—	9	3	9	—	5	676	20	786	87
November	9	1	41	19	1	5	3	12	2	1	649	27	761	84
December	9	12	41	20	—	4	1	10	3	4	678	15	788	87
	105	29	510	328	10	210	28	117	64	77	7023	308	8704	82

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1904.

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Accountants	10			
Agents	20	16		4
Apprentices	15	5	1	1
Architects	35	2		
Art Needleworkers	5			
Artists	5	2	1	
Assistant Librarians	9			
Auctioneers	5			
Authors	3			
Bakers	6	1		1
Bank Officials	16	3	1	
Barmaids	7			
Bath Attendant	1			
Bath Chairmen	4			
Billposters	2			
Blind Maker				1
Bookbinders	6			
Booksellers	9			
Book-keepers	29	5	2	3
Bootmakers	8	3		1
Brewer	1			
Bricklayers	2			
Builders	22	2	2	
Butchers	6	2	2	3
Cabinet Makers	15		1	
Caretakers	7	3		
Carpenters & Joiners	17	23		3
Carters	4			
Carvers & Designers	3			
Cashiers	9	4		
Cellarman	1			
Chemists & Assistants	21	5	1	
Chimney Sweeps	3			
Clergymen	27	4	4	
Clerks	130	36	3	7
Coachmen & Grooms	10			
Coal Merchants	3			
Companions	5		3	
Confectioners	8	3		
Cooks	5	5		1
Costumiers	13	3		1

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Dairymen	2		1	2
Dentists	11			
Drapers & Assistants	47	19		2
Dressmakers	101	13	8	5
Electricians	11	4	1	
Engineers	12			
Errand Boys	12	5		1
Fishmongers	4	5		
Florists	9	3	2	
Footmen	4			
Fruiterers	2	2	1	
Gardeners	17	7		
Governesses	18	4	2	1
Greengrocers	7	4	3	
Grocers & Assistants	19	8	1	3
Gymnastic Instructors	2	2		1
Hairdressers	15			
Hosiers & Hatters	1		1	
Hospital Nurses	15	4		
Housekeepers	25	11	1	
Inspectors	5			
Ironfounders			2	
Ironmongers	17	5	3	1
Journalists	18			
Labourers	4			2
Ladies' Maids	7			1
Laundresses	4	3		3
Law Students	1			
Lodging House Keepers	107	49	1	
Machinists				2
Managers	21	3	3	1
Milkmen	2			
Milliners	45	14	1	3
Mineral Water Manufacturer				1
Musicians	16		2	
Naval and Military Officers	27	9		
Nurses	26	13	7	
Office Boys	16			
Organists	3	2		1

Occupation of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Central	Branch: Boscombe	Branch: Westbourne	Branch: Springbourne
Outfitter	1			
Painters & Decorators	17	10	1	7
Photographers	30	3		
Physicians & Surgeons	27	4	4	
Pianoforte Tuners	4	4		
Plasterers	3			
Plumbers	6	3	1	1
Policemen				1
Porters	7		1	
Postmen	12			1
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists	19	7	2	3
Printers & Compositors	34	8	1	
Professors of Music	7			
Railway Officials	3			3
Sacristan	1			
Sailor	1			
Salesmen	12			1
Scholars	496	91	16	20
Schoolmasters	19	6		
Schoolmistresses	16	3	1	
Secretaries	3			
Servants	96	51	10	3
Shop Assistants	127	61	3	
Signalmen	4			1
Slaters	2			
Solicitors	8			
Stationers	12	4		
Stewards	3	3	1	
Stone Mason	1			
Students	39	3		
Surveyors	7			
Tailors	15	5	4	
Teachers and Tutors	140	21	2	3
Tea Merchants	2			1
Telegraph Messengers	16			
Telephone Operators	2			
Tobacconists	1	2		
Tram Drivers	4			
Travellers	21		1	
Typists	14		1	

	Central	Branch: Boscombe	Branch: Westbourne	Branch: Springbourne
Upholsterers	3	3		1
Valets	2			
Vocalist	1			
Waiters	4	4		
Waitresses	3			
Watchmakers and Jewellers	19	5		
Wheelwrights	2			
Not stated (principally Ratepapers, wives of Ratepayers & Retired Persons)	3254	533	252	186
Total ...	5661	1153	362	287
	7463			

No. of Ratepayers, Central	...	...	1952
Boscombe	...	...	293
Springbourne	...	...	94
Westbourne	...	...	84
No. of Non-Ratepayers, Central	...	...	3709
Boscombe	...	...	860
Springbourne		...	193
Westbourne		...	278
			7463

Libraries.

REPORTS, etc , have been received from the following PUBLIC LIBRARIES :

Aberdeen, Acton, Arbroath, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopsgate, Blackburn, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Colchester, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hartlepool, Hammersmith, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-on-Thames, Leamington, Leeds, Leyton, Middlesborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Penge, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wednesbury, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Worcester.

List of Periodicals, etc.

Those marked (*) are presented.

Those marked (‡) are exchanged mid-weekly.

Daily.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne	Winton.
Bournemouth Daily Echo	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1	1
,, Express ...		1			1
,, Graphic ...	1	1	1	1	
,, Mail ...	1	1	1	1	1
,, Mirror ...					1
,, News ...	1	1	1	1	1
,, Telegraph ...	1	1		1	1
Financial News ...	1	1			
London Echo ...	1	1	1		
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1		1
,, Post ...	1	1			
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1			
Standard ...	1	1	1	1	1
Star ...		1			
Times ...	1	1	1	1	
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1			
Do. Saturday Ed.			1	1	
Bi-Weekly.					
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1	1
,, Guardian	1	1	1	1	1
Weekly.					
‡Academy and Literature	1	1			
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1	1
Amateur Photographer...	1				
‡Architect ...	1	1			
*Aspirant ...	1				
‡Athenæum ...	1			1	
Athletic News ...			1	1	
Birmingham Weekly Post	1				
*Board of Trade Journal			1		
Bournemouth Graphic ...	1	1	1	1	
Bournemouth Observer...	1	1	1	1	1
*British Architect ...		1			
British Weekly ...	1				
‡Broad Arrow ...	1	1			
Builder ...	1	1		1	1
‡Building News ...	1	1	1		1
*Canadian Gazette ...			1		

Weekly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne	Winton.
Catholic Times ...	1	1			
Christian World ...	1	1			1
Church Times ...		1			
*Civil Service Gazette ...	1				
*Civil Service Weekly (Clarke's) ...		1			
Cycling ...	1	1			
Economist ...	1				
‡Electrician ...	1	1			
Engineering ...	1				
*English Churchman ...		1			
English Mechanic ...			1	1	1
‡Estates Gazette ...	1				
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1			
Field ...	1	1			
Gardening ...	1	1			
Gentlewoman ...	1	1			
Graphic ...	1	1	1		1
‡Guardian ...	1	1			
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1			
Hampshire Independent	1				
*Herald of the Golden Age			1		
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1	1
Hobbies ...	1		1	1	1
Illustrated London News	1	1	1		
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News ...		1			
Labour Co-Partnership...			1		
Lady ...		1	1		1
Lady's Field ...		1			
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		1	
*Local Government Chronicle ...	1				
Manchester Guardian ... (Saturday Ed).	1				
Municipal Journal ...	1				
Musical News ...	1				
‡Nature ...	1			1	
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle ...	1				

Weekly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne	Winton
Outlook ...	1				
Patent Office Official Journal	1				
Pitman's Phonetic Journ'l	1				
*Public Health ...			1		
Punch ...	1	1	1	1	1‡
Queen ...	1	1			
*Railway News ...		1			
Scientific American ...	1	1			
Scientific American Sup.	1	1			
Science Siftings ...	1				1
*Shop Assistant ...	1	1	1	1	1
Sketch ...	1	1	1	1	
‡Speaker ...	1	1			
‡Spectator ...	1	1			
Sphere ...	1	1	1	1	1
T.P.'s Weekly ...	1	1	1	1	1
Truth ...	1	1	1	1	1
Week's Survey ...	1				
Western Gazette		1	1	1	
Yorkshire Weekly Post...		1			
Fortnightly.					
University Correspondent	1				
Monthly.					
Those marked (‡) are exchanged at the end of the month.					
*Animals' Friend ...	1	1	1	1	
Architectural Review ...	1	1			
Art Journal ...	1				
*Baker and Confectioner		1			
Boys' Own Paper ...		1			
Cassell's Family Magazine ..		1	1	1	
‡Cassier's Magazine ...	1	1			
Century ...	1	1	1	1	1‡
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1			
Chums ...	1				
*Concord ...			1		
Connoisseur ...	1				
Contemporary Review ...	1	1	1		1‡
English Illustrated ...		1			
Fortnightly Review ...	1	1			1‡
Gentleman's Magazine ...	1	1			1‡
Girls' Own Paper ...		1			

Monthly.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne	Winton
Good Words ...	1	1	1	1	1‡
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1‡
Independent Review ...	1				1‡
Knowledge ...	1	1		1	
*Labour Gazette ...			1		
Ladies' Realm ...	1	1			
Literary World ...	1	1			
London Magazine ...		1	1		1
"Mercury" Magazine ...	1	1			1
Monthly Review ...	1				1‡
*Moravian Missions ...	1				
Musical Times ...	1				
*Navy League Journal ...	1	1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1			1‡
*Nonconformist Musical Journal ...		1			
Occasional Papers ...	1				
*Organist & Choirmaster	1				
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1			
*Patents ...	1				
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Photogram ...	1				
Rapid Review ...					1
Review of Reviews ..	1	1	1	1	1
Royal Magazine ...		1			
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1			1‡
*Strad ...	1				
Strand ...	1	1	1	1	1
Studio ...	1	1		1	
*Travel ...			1		
*Troubadour ...	1				
Windsor ...	1	1			1
*Wings ...	1				1‡
Woman at Home ...	1	1			1
‡World's Work ...	1	1			
Alternate Months.					
British Printer ...	1				
Quarterlies.					
Edinburgh Review ...	1				
*Journal of Balneology and Climatology ...	1				
Quarterly Review ...	1				
*University Extension Journal ...	1				
*Verulam Review ...	1				

Directories.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
Advertiser's A.B C. ...	1			
Army and Navy Lists ...	1	1‡		
Crockford's Clerical ...	1			
*Hampton's Scholastic...	1			
Kelly's Bournemouth ...	1	1	1	1
Kelly's County Councils etc. ...	1			
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset ...	1			
Kelly's London P.O. ...	1			
,, London Suburban	1			
London Directory ...	1			
*Macdonald's ...	1			
Mate's Business Directory of Bournemouth	1			
Medical Directory ...	1			
Perry's Trading and Professional ...	1			
Portsmouth and Southampton ...	1			
*Practical Advertising ...	1	1		

Directories. Continued.	Central	Boscombe	Springbourne	Westbourne
*South Western Counties		1		
Stubb's Manufacturers and Professional ...	1	1		
Railway Time Tables.				
A.B.C.	1			
Borough Time Table ...	1	1	1	1
Bradshaw ...	1	1	1	1
*Caledonian ...	1	1	1	1
*Great Central ...	1	1		
* ,, Eastern ...	1			
* ,, Northern ...	1	1	1	1
*Great Western ...	1	1	1	1
*Highland ...	1			
*London Brighton and South Coast ...	1	1	1	1
*London & NorthW'stern	1	1	1	1
*London & SouthW'stern	1	1	1	1
*Midland ...	1	1	1	1
*North British ...	1	1	1	1

List of Donors, 1903-4.

Name of Donor.	Description of Donation.
Australia, South, Agent General	1 vol.
Australia, Western, Agent General ...	1 vol.
Brown, Esq., Wm. ...	2 vols.
Browne & Co., T. ...	1 vol.
Geological Survey ...	maps
Gregory, Rev. A. ...	1 vol.
Hampton's Directory ...	1 vol.
Heywood, Col. ...	5 vols.
London School for Blind	1 vol.
Mather & Crowther, Messrs. ...	1 vol.
Merchant Adventurers College, Principal of	1 vol.
Paton, Messrs. J. & J. ...	1 vol.
Rooper, Miss	Various vols.
Surgical Aid Society ...	Reports
University Correspondence College ...	1 vol.
Woodward, Esq., J. H.	2 vols.

County Borough of Bournemouth.

THIRTEENTH

Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee,

1905–6.

Bournemouth.
Printed for the Committee.

TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,

The Public Libraries' Committee have the pleasure of presenting their Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1906.

The aggregate issue of books since the Central Library was first opened (New Year's Day, 1895) has now reached 1,850,319 vols. The past year is responsible for an output of 214,111 vols., the distribution being as follows :—Central Lending, 148,776 ; Reference, 13,281 ; Boscombe, 33,764 ; Westbourne, 9,890 ; and Springbourne, 8,400 vols. This shows a gross increase of 3,598 over the year 1904-5.

There is now a stock of 24,626 books in the Libraries, as compared with 23,162 last year. The Central Library contains 15,981 ; Reference, 2,970 ; Boscombe, 2,736 ; Westbourne, 1,543, and Springbourne 1,396 vols. During the year dealt with in this report, 1,464 new books have been purchased, including many valuable works of reference in Science, Art, and History.* The Books Sub-Committee take great pains to secure the most useful and interesting publications, and carefully consider recommendations made by borrowers in the Suggestion Book kept at the Central Library. The number added does not include about 1,200 "replacements," *i.e.*, new copies of popular books that had become soiled by constant use. The policy of the Committee is to replace standard works in preference to buying those of an ephemeral character, and novels are not ordered until at least one year after publication, except in the case of established authors of the first rank.

*For the most important additions see pages 20-21.

The scheme for providing School Libraries, referred to in the Committee's last report, has now materialised and will be put into immediate operation. Travelling Libraries for each of the 25 Primary Schools in the Borough have been provided by the Education Committee, and throughout the month of March the Librarian has devoted himself unsparingly to the task of cataloguing and preparing the books for distribution. With the co-operation of the head teachers these Libraries should prove an invaluable supplement to the education given during the regular school hours.

The Committee regret that provision for a permanent Central Library has not been made in the plans for Municipal Buildings, now under consideration by your Council. The present temporary Library cannot much longer serve its purpose, the lending library and reading room being generally overcrowded. If the Library is to be definitely excluded from the Municipal Buildings, immediate steps should be taken to erect a suitable Library in a central position. The Committee desire to point out that under no circumstances can this involve an increased burden upon the ratepayers, as the whole cost of the Libraries, including buildings, is restricted by statute to the proceeds of a penny rate.

There is not much progress towards the acquisition of sites for Branch Libraries under the conditions of Mr. Carnegie's proffered gift. The Committee trust, however, that the Council will soon be in possession of the land generously promised for a Winton Branch by Lord Leven, and that this will stimulate others to present sites for Libraries in the East and West of the borough.

In May last, our Sub-Librarian, Mr. W. G. Wilding, was appointed to a similar post at the Clerkenwell Public Library (the position held by Mr. Riddle before coming to Bournemouth), and Mr. Hugh Stevenson, the assistant next in seniority, was promoted to fill the vacancy here.

C. J. WHITTING,
Chairman.

Memoranda.

Population of Borunemouth, 1906 (estimated), 65,000.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £561,217.
Public Libraries Acts adopted, March 11th, 1893.
Committee first appointed, March 21st, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, June 7th, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened January 1st, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established January 10th, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.
Winton Temporary Branch Newsroom opened February 8th, 1905.

Committee.

Chairman: Mr. C. J. Whitting.

Vice-Chairman: *Mr. G. J. Lawson.

*Mr. A. J. Abbott.
*Mr. R. Y. Banks.
*Mr. W. Bolton, J.P.
*Mr. C. Frampton.
Mr. G. Galpin.
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D.
(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee).
Mr. C. T. Miles.
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee).
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P.
Mr. J. A. Toone.
Canon F. E. Toyne.

* Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: Charles Riddle.

Sub-Librarian: Hugh Stevenson.

Senior Assistants

Arthur Hawkes.
Lewis Corner.
Alfred Sims.

Junior Assistants:

George Fry.
Edgar Osborne.
Arthur Rainer.
Bernard Sharp.

Chief Caretaker: Edward Jones.

Number and Classification of Books in all Departments.

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY—

Class.		Mar. 31st, 1906.	Mar. 31st, 1905.	No. of Vols. added.
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	714	684	30
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities ...	1063	1016	47
C.	History, Biography	2129	2021	108
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, etc. ...	506	468	38
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences ...	1072	1022	50
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	874	833	41
G.	Useful and Constructive Arts	589	536	53
H.	Language and Literature	280	267	13
J.	Poetry and the Drama	524	518	6
K.	Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature ...	7056	6781	275
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works ...	1174	1155	19
		15981	15301	680
	Reference Library	2970	2768	202
	Boscombe Branch Library	2737	2533	204
	Westbourne Branch Library	1543	1366	177
	Springbourne Branch Library	1395	1194	201
	TOTALS	24626	23162	1464

Attendances of Committee for year ending 31st March, 1906.

	Public Library.	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Special Sub-Committee.	TOTAL OF ATTENDANCES.
Number of Meetings.	11	11	11	1	34
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman* ...	11	11	11	1	34
*Mr. G. J. Lawson, *Vice-Chairman* ...	3	1	2	—	6
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., *Chairman Books Sub-Committee*	7	8	—	—	15
Mr. C. T. Miles, F.R.I.B.A., *Chairman Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee*	10	—	10	1	21
*Mr. R. Y. Banks	7	7	—	—	14
*Mr. W. Bolton, J.P.	4	—	5	—	9
*Mr. C. Frampton	9	—	9	—	18
Mr. G. Galpin	9	8	—	—	17
*Mr. A. J. Abbott	7	—	6	—	13
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P.	—	—	—	—	0
Mr. J. A. Toone	11	11	—	1	23
Canon F. E. Toyne	5	7	—	—	12

*Members of Town Council.

Table of Issues from all Departments. January 1st to December 31st, 1905.

Month.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total.
January	353	763	992	178	406	463	384	278	373	14892	950	20032
February	247	705	1030	164	330	453	321	245	354	13877	889	18615
March	284	768	1076	174	425	481	406	353	364	15358	1028	20717
April	240	657	790	129	364	473	292	222	202	13522	719	17550
May	263	649	785	112	372	384	289	334	201	13347	691	17427
June	188	653	600	91	287	356	203	176	218	12647	674	16093
July	174	633	615	104	352	346	153	174	140	12115	582	15388
August	194	634	630	78	433	316	196	220	158	12180	539	15578
September	224	698	705	99	389	332	260	316	180	13200	630	17033
October	178	632	844	142	462	481	281	528	207	13823	744	18322
November	215	787	1003	160	499	539	309	345	255	14194	835	19141
December	199	663	881	142	361	475	289	332	253	13797	823	18215
Total...	2759	8242	9951	1573	4680	5039	3383	3523	2905	162952	9104	214111

Table of Issues from Central Lending Library, 1905.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Literature and Language.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	26	215	455	652	114	276	374	279	103	205	10704	458	13835	532
February	25	179	439	731	116	251	352	244	113	209	9960	480	13074	522
March	27	218	491	754	101	255	379	284	119	177	10854	527	14159	524
April	23	180	382	569	81	259	330	210	94	139	9601	422	12267	532
May	27	197	423	555	78	241	320	194	97	136	9416	460	21117	448
June	25	151	362	439	63	213	308	130	71	102	8820	390	11049	441
July	26	139	349	453	64	263	287	120	63	125	8616	355	10834	416
August	26	155	313	455	59	294	272	148	62	93	8700	323	10874	418
September	26	177	367	566	64	313	303	197	97	127	9427	364	12003	461
October...	26	147	353	605	90	318	392	201	117	143	9919	404	12689	484
November	26	172	388	715	95	335	437	214	100	140	10045	428	13089	503
December	24	173	382	636	95	252	421	206	81	137	9970	433	12786	532
Total	307	2103	4704	7129	1020	3290	4175	2427	1117	1733	116032	5044	148776	484

Table of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1905.

Month.	Days. Open	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Literature.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	26	100	196	196	63	58	79	75	162	155	22	429	1535	59
February	25	30	146	146	45	24	87	55	122	121	5	369	1150	46
March	27	32	130	160	63	103	80	84	227	174	9	452	1514	56
April	23	32	155	96	39	62	72	57	122	57	11	259	962	41
May	27	42	125	119	28	85	49	76	233	54	10	191	1012	37
June	25	22	194	78	24	34	31	60	101	101	10	247	902	36
July	26	31	173	74	34	46	44	24	103	8	3	193	733	28
August	26	23	205	68	13	96	33	34	153	39	5	189	858	33
September... ...	26	28	200	47	30	29	14	57	214	36	8	227	890	34
October	26	17	122	106	43	83	55	55	396	35	3	291	1206	46
November... ...	26	27	195	150	59	87	84	60	224	82	28	355	1351	51
December... ...	24	11	141	125	43	55	41	56	229	98	22	347	1168	48
Total	307	395	1982	1365	484	762	669	693	2286	960	136	3349	13281	43

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Library, 1905.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	28	61	69	—	49	10	10	4	11	2835	45	3122	240
February	12	30	70	84	3	40	12	7	3	18	2699	27	2993	249
March	14	26	73	95	8	47	15	21	3	11	3013	32	3344	238
April	11	21	50	71	5	30	6	12	4	4	2529	24	2756	250
May	13	19	38	64	5	33	9	7	3	6	2557	18	2759	212
June	14	13	40	53	2	29	13	4	1	15	2599	18	2787	199
July	12	4	49	40	2	33	8	3	7	6	2135	16	2303	191
August	14	15	57	68	5	30	4	8	3	25	2365	12	2592	185
September	13	12	49	54	2	27	9	2	2	14	2385	17	2573	197
October	13	9	70	87	6	28	29	19	11	27	2538	32	2856	219
November	13	16	90	90	6	35	11	19	11	21	2604	32	2935	225
December	12	8	65	76	3	35	8	14	9	15	2488	23	2744	228
Total... ...	154	201	712	851	47	416	134	126	61	173	30747	296	33764	219

Table of Issues from the Wesbourne Branch Lending Library, 1905.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathemat'l Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	5	29	42	1	20	—	—	7	—	698	3	805	51
February	11	4	34	50	—	12	—	1	3	4	696	5	809	67
March	13	1	47	46	2	19	2	1	1	2	800	6	927	71
April	12	2	34	37	2	5	3	2	—	—	708	3	796	66
May	13	2	39	34	1	7	4	2	—	2	721	10	822	63
June	12	2	33	20	2	5	—	1	3	—	704	13	783	65
July	14	—	35	29	3	3	1	3	1	1	790	15	881	62
August	12	1	36	26	—	7	—	—	2	1	610	10	693	57
September	13	6	56	22	1	14	1	—	2	1	728	15	846	65
October	13	2	72	31	3	19	—	1	1	1	732	15	877	67
November	13	7	74	29	—	9	2	1	1	6	825	15	969	74
December	9	2	37	26	—	7	—	1	5	1	594	9	682	75
Total ...	148	34	526	392	15	127	13	13	26	19	8608	119	9890	66

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Library, 1905.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total	Daily Average.
January	8	5	22	23	—	3	—	20	2	2	633	15	725	90
February	6	4	16	19	—	3	2	14	4	2	517	8	589	98
March	9	7	27	21	—	1	5	16	3	—	682	11	773	85
April	9	5	36	17	2	8	2	11	2	2	673	11	769	85
May	9	3	24	13	—	6	2	10	1	3	643	12	717	79
June	8	—	24	10	—	6	4	8	—	—	514	6	572	71
July	9	—	27	19	1	7	6	3	—	—	571	3	637	70
August	9	—	23	13	1	6	7	6	—	—	500	5	561	62
September	9	1	26	16	2	6	5	4	1	2	652	7	722	80
October	8	3	15	15	—	14	5	5	3	1	631	2	694	86
November	9	3	40	19	—	13	5	14	9	6	692	5	806	89
December	9	5	38	18	1	12	5	12	8	2	723	11	835	92
Total ...	102	36	318	203	7	85	48	123	33	20	7431	96	8400	82

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1905.

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Accountants	7		1	
Agents	9	6		2
Analyst	1			
Apprentices	20	8	4	3
Architects & Surveyors	11	6		
Artists	5	2		1
Assistant Librarians	11			
Attendants	2			
Auctioneers	2			
Authors	8			
Bakers	5	2	1	
Bailiffs	1			
Bank Officials	10	6	2	
Barmaid	1			
Bath Attendant	1			
Bath Chairmen	2			
Billposters	3			
Blacksmith	1			
Bookbinders	10			
Book-keepers	22	6	2	2
Booksellers	5	7		
Bootmakers	5	7		3
Brewer	1			
Bricklayers	1			1
Builders	15	3		
Butchers	8	3		1
Butlers	2			
Cab-drivers	1			1
Cabinet-makers	8	2	1	
Canvasser	1			
Caretakers	2	1		1
Carmen	3			2
Carpenters & Joiners	14	18		3
Carvers & Designers	8			
Cashiers	10	1		1
Cellarman	1			
Chemists & Assistants	10	1	1	
Chimney Sweeps	4			1
China Dealer	1			
Choristers	2			

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Cleaner	1			
Clergymen	26	6	3	
Clerks	108	17	3	6
Coachbuilders	2			
Coachmen	3		1	
Coal Merchants	5			
Companions	6		2	
Compositors	4			
Confectioners and Assistants	7	5	3	
Cooks	10	6		
Costumiers	7	3		
Cycle Makers	8			
Dairymen	2	2		
Decorators	7	4		
Dentists	3	2		
Doctors *see* Physicians				
Domestic Servants *see* Servants				
Drapers & Assistants	30	10	6	1
Dressmakers	73	19	7	12
Editors	5			
Education Sec.& Clerks	3			
Electricians	6	4		2
Engineers	6		1	2
Engraver	1			
Errand Boys	10	3		
Farmer	1			
Fishmongers	5	3		
Florists	2	2	2	
Footmen	2			
French Polisher	1			
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	13	8	2	1
Gardeners	15	2		1
Gas Fitters	4	2		
Gas & W. Co.'s Officials	3			
Gordon Boys	4			
Governesses	9		1	
Grocers and Assistants	15	11	5	2

OCCUPATION OF BORROWERS—*continued.*

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Gymnastic Instructors	2			
Hairdressers and Assistants	4			
Hatters and Hosiers	4			
Hospital Nurses	20	4	8	
Housekeepers	21	6		
House Agents	3			
Hotel Proprietors	3	1		
Inland Revenue Officers	2			
Inspectors	7	3		
Ironmongers	13	2	2	1
Journalists	15	1		
Labourers	5			1
Ladies' Maids	2		1	
Laundresses	10	1		1
Law Students	2			
Lay Reader	1			
Legal Stationer	1			
Lithographers	3			
Lodging House Keepers...	55	14	2	
Magistrates	3			
Managers and Manageresses	12	2	2	
Mantle Makers	5			
Mariner	1			
Metal Merchant	1			
Milkmen	10	2		
Milliners	26	17		5
Mineral Water Manufacturers	3	1		
Musicians	17	2	1	
Naval and Military Officers	23	6		1
Newsagents	1	2		
Novelists	3			
Office Boys	7	4	1	1
Operator	1			
Optician	1			
Organists	6	1		

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Outfitters	3			1
Page Boys	5			
Painters & Decorators	3	14	2	6
Pawnbrokers	2			
Photographers	12	2		1
Physicians & Surgeons	23	2	2	
Pianoforte Tuners	3	2		
Pianoforte Teachers	1	2		
Picture Frame Makers	3	1		
Plasterers	3			1
Plumbers	7	4	1	1
Police	6	2		
Porters	6	2	2	
Postmen	8	1	1	1
Post Office Clerks and Telegraphists	17	8	3	3
Poulterers	1	2		
Printers & Compositors	16	2	1	
Printers' Readers	2			
Priests	2			
Professors of Music	3	2		
Publishers	3			
Pupil Teachers	3	4		
Railway Officials	7			2
Reporters	12			
Restaurant Keepers	3			
Riding Masters	2			
Sacristans	3			
Saddler	1			
Salesmen & Saleswomen	15	10		2
Scholars	362	91	20	19
Schoolmasters	15	5	1	
Schoolmistresses	16	3	1	
Science Masters	2			
Secretaries	5			
Servants	51	36	8	2
Shop Assistants	109	33	4	3
Signalmen	2			
Signwriters	3	2		

OCCUPATION OF BORROWERS—*continued.*

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Slaters	3			
Solicitors and Clerks	12	4		
Stationers	5	3		
Stonemasons	8	2	1	
Stewards	6	1		
Students	20	3	2	1
Tailors	23	9	2	
Taxidermist	1			
Teachers	105	17	3	2
Tea Merchant	1			
Telegraph Messengers	12	2		4
Telephone Operators	11	2		
Theatre Attendants	3	1		
Ticket Writers	2	1		
Tobacconists	7	3		
Tramway Officials	7			1
Travellers	12		1	
Trunk Makers	1	1		
Turners	3	2		

	Branch			
	Central	Boscombe	Westbourne	Springbourne
Typists	13	2		
Upholsterers	7	1		
Valets	3			
Valuer	1			
Waiters & Waitresses	11	5	1	
Watchmakers and Jewellers	20	7		
Wheelwright	1			
Wine Merchants	2	1		
Not Stated (principally Ratepayers, wives of Ratepayers, and retired persons)	3032	660	258	197
TOTAL ..	5006	1214	379	306
	6905			

No. of Ratepayers, Central		1502
Boscombe		345
Westbourne		93
Springbourne		105
No. of Non-Ratepayers, Central		3504
Boscombe		869
Westbourne		286
Springbourne		201
		6905

List of Periodicals, &c.

Those marked (*) are presented.

Those marked (‡) are exchanged mid-weekly.

Daily.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Bournemouth Daily Echo	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Express ...		1			1
Daily Graphic ...	1	1	1	1	
Daily Mail	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Mirror ...					1
Daily News	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Telegraph ...	1	1		1	1
Financial News ...	1	1			
Globe	1				
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1		1
Morning Post ...	1	1			
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1			
Standard	1	1	1	1	1
Star...		1			
Times	1	1	1	1	
Tribune	1				
Westminster Gazette	1	1	1	1	
Semi-Weekly.					
Bour'mouth Directory	1	1	1	1	1
,, Guardian	1	1	1	1	1
Weekly.					
‡Academy & Literature	1	1			
Amateur Gardening...			1	1	1
Amateur Photographer	1				
‡Architect	1	1			
*Aspirant	1				
‡Athenæum	1			1	
Athletic News ...			1	1	
Birmingham Weekly Post	1				
*Board of Trade Journal		1	1		
Bournemouth Graphic	1	1	1	1	
Bournemo'th Observer	1	1	1	1	1
*British Architect ...		1			

Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
British Weekly ...	1	1			
‡Broad Arrow... ...	1	1			
Builder	1	1		1	1
‡Building News ...	1	1	1		1
*Canadian Gazette ...			1		
Carpenter and Builder		1			
Catholic Times ...	1	1			
Christian World ...	1	1			1
Church Times ...		1			
*Civil Service Gazette	1				
*Civil Service Weekly (Clarke's)		1			
*Civil Service Competitor	1				
Cycling	1	1			
Economist	1				
‡Electrician	1	1			
‡Engineering	1				1
*English Churchman...	1	1			
English Mechanic ...		1	1	1	1
*Estates Gazette ...	1				
Exchange and Mart...	1	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1			
Field	1	1			
Gardening	1	1			
Gardener's Chronicle	1				
Gentlewoman ...	1	1			
Good Words ...	‡1	1	1	1	1
Graphic	1	1	1		1
‡Guardian	1	1			
Hampshire Chronicle		1			
H'mpshire Independent	1				
*Herald of the Golden Age			1		
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	1	1	1	1
Illustrated London News	1	1	1		
Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News ...		1			
Labour Co-Partnership			1		

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Lady		1	1		1
Lady's Field		1			
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		1	
Laundry Journal ...	1				
Manchester Guardian (Saturday Ed.)	1				
Municipal Journal ...	1	1			
Musical News ...	1				
‡Nature	1			1	
Newcastle-on-Tyne Weekly Chronicle	1				
‡Outlook	1	1			1
Patent Office Official Journal	1				
Pitman's Phonetic Journal	1				
*Public Health ...		1	1		
‡Punch	1	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	1			
*Railway News ...		1			
Scientific American ...	1	1			
Scientific American Supplement	1	1			
Science Siftings ...	1	1			1
*Shop Assistant ...	1	1	1	1	1
Sketch	1	1	1	1	
‡Speaker	1	1			
‡Spectator	1	1			
Sphere	1	1	1	1	1
T. P.'s Weekly ...	1	1	1	1	1
Truth	1	1	1	1	1
Western Gazette ...		1	1	1	
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1			
Fortnightly.					
University Correspondent	1				
Monthly.					
Those marked (‡) are exchanged at end of month.					
*Animals' Friend ...	1	1	1	1	
Architectural Review	1				

Monthly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Art Journal	1				
*Baker & Confectioner		1			
Boys' Own Paper ...		1			
Captain	1				
Cassell's Family Magazine		1	1	1	
‡Cassier's Magazine ...	1	1			
‡Century Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1			1
Chums	1				
*Concord			1		
Connoisseur	1				
‡Contemporary Review	1	1	1		
English Illustrated ...		1			
Fortnightly Review ...	‡1	1			1
Gentleman's Magazine	‡1				1
Girls' Own Paper ...		1			
Harper's Magazine ..	‡1	1	1	1	1
Independent Review	1	1			
Knowledge	1	1		1	
*Labour Gazette ...			1		
Lady's Realm ...	1	1			
Literary World ...	‡1	1			1
London Magazine ..		1	1		1
"Mercury" Magazine	1				
Monthly Review ...	‡1				1
*Moravian Missions ...					
Musical Times ...	1				
*Navy League Journal	1	1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1			
*Nonconformist Musical Journal		1			
*Organist and Choirmaster	1				
Pall Mall Magazine ...	‡1	1			1
*Patents	1				
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Photogram	1				
Rapid Review ...			1		1
Railway Magazine ...	1				
Review of Reviews ...	1	1		1	1
Royal Magazine ...		1			

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Monthly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Scribner's Magazine	‡1	1			1
*Strad	1				
Strand	1	1	1	1	1
Studio	1	1		1	
Tatler		1			
*Travel			1		
*Travellers' Gazette ...	1				
*Troubadour	1	1			
Windsor Magazine ...	1	1			1
*Wings	‡1				1
Woman at Home ...	1	1			1
‡World's Work ...	1	1			
Bi-Monthly.					
British Printer ...	1				
Quarterlies.					
Edinburgh Review ...	1				
*Journal of Balneology and Climatology	1	1			
Quarterly Review ...	1				
*University Extension Journal	1				
*Verulam Review ...	1				
Directories.					
Advertiser's A.B.C. ...	1				
Army and Navy Lists	1	‡1			
Crockford's Clerical ...	1	1			
*Hampton's Scholastic	1	1			
Kelly's Bournemouth	1	1	1	1	1
Kelly's County Councils, etc.	1				

Directories.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset	1	1			
Kelly's London P.O.	1	1			
Kelly's Lond. Suburb'n	1				
London Directory ...	1	1			1
*Macdonald's	1				
Mate's Business Directory of Bournmouth	1	1			
Medical Directory ...	1	1			
Perry's Trading and Professional	1				
Portsmouth and Southampton	1				
*Practical Advertising	1	1			
*South W'st'rn Counties Stubb's Manufacturers and Professional	1	1			
Railway Time Tables					
A.B.C.	1				
Borough Time Table	1	1	1	1	
Bradshaw	1	1	1	1	
*Caledonian	1	1	1	1	
*Great Central ...	1	1			1
*Great Eastern ...	1				
*Great Northern ...	1	1	1	1	
*Great Western ...	1	1	1	1	
*Highland	1				
*London, Brighton and South Coast	1	1	1	1	
*London and North Western	1	1	1	1	
*London and South Western	1	1	1	1	1
*Midland	1	1	1	1	1
*North British ...	1	1	1	1	

List of Donors, 1905-6.

Name of Donor.	Description of Donation.	Name of Donor.	Description of Donation.
Anonymous	2 vols.	Layton, Messrs. ...	2 vols.
Bayliss, Lt.-Col., K.C., V.D., M.A.	2 vols.	Merchant Venturers' College	1 vol.
Bennett & Co.	1 vol.	Nash, Vaughan, Esq. ...	1 vol.
Carson-Coleraine, T. G., Esq.	1 vol.	New South Wales, Agent General	1 vol.
Chalmers-Hunt, Rev. L. L.	1 vol.	Passmore-Edwards, J. ...	1 vol.
Cooper, Wm. G. Esq. (Sanitary Office) ...	Reports	Sherring, R. V., Esq., F.L.S.	1 vol.
Dowsing Institute ...	1 vol.	Smith, W. H., Esq. ...	2 vols.
Gregory, Rev. A. ...	1 vol.	Storer, Col.	4 vols.
Hampshire Feld Club & Archeological Society, Proceedings ...	1 vol.	Swan Sonnenschien Co., Ltd.	1 vol.
Holt-Skinner, Mrs. ...	1 vol.	Tate, John W., Esq. ...	1 vol.
Hood, Rev. A.	1 vol.	Todd, Mrs.	7 vols.
Hudson, A. P.	Various	Tutorial Press, Editor ...	1 vol.
Hunter, Rose Co., Toronto	1 vol.	Voysey, Rev., B.A. ...	1 vol.
		Wallis-Budge, Dr. E. A.	2 vols.
		Wilkinson, Miss ...	6 vols.

Libraries.

Reports, etc., have been received from the following Public Libraries :

Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chicago, Colchester, Cork, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Finsbury, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hartlepool, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Kensal Rise, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Liverpool, Middlesborough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Richmond, Rochdale, Shoreditch, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, West Bromwich, Westminster, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Worcester.

List of recent additions to the Reference Library.

Baldry (A. L.) Drawings of Holbein F2880
Baldwin (J. M.) Dictionary of philosophy and psychology. 2v. A2692, 2868
Bell (Macolm) Rembrandt and his work F2887
Bond (Francis) Gothic architecture in England ... F2870
Briggs (R. A.) Bungalows and country residences ... F2932
Brown (Richard) History of accounting and accountants E2977
Burton (William) English earthenware and stoneware F2890
Bury (J. B.) Later Roman Empire. 2v. C2805-6
Chrystal (G.) Algebra. 2v. E2941-2
Clarendon (Edward) History of the Rebellion. 6v. ... C2787-92
Cornes (James) Modern housing in town and country F2871
Daniell (Alfred) Physics E2947
Dixon (R. W.) History of the Church of England. 6v. A2923-8
Dorner (J. A.) Doctrine of the Person of Christ. 5v. ... A2821-5
Finlay (George) History of Greece. 7v. C2907-13
Fisher (Alexander) Enamelling on metal F2933
Fisher (Herbert) Mediæval Empire. 2v. C2966-7
Folkard (Henry C.) Sailing boat F2889
Fox-Davies (Arthur C.) Art of heraldry C2852
Frost (Percival) Solid geometry E2956
Solid geometry, solutions E2957
Gregorovius (Ferdinand) History of Rome in the Middle Ages. 13v. C2892-7, 2981, 2898, 2982, 2899-02
Harnack (Adolph) History of dogma. 7v. A2810-6
Hodgkin (T.) *and others.* Political history of England ... D2914
Holme (Charles) *ed.* Art in photography F2844
Old Water Colour Society F2845
Holroyd (Charles) *intro. by.* National Gallery of British Art (Tate Gallery) F2883
Hopkins (G. M.) Experimental science E2968
Hunt (W. Holman) Pre-Raphaelitism and the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. 2v. F2918-9
Jebb (R.C.) Attic Orators. 2v. L2831-2
Jowett (Benjamin) Thucydides. 2v. C2808-9
Kelvin (Lord) *and* Tait (P. G.) Treatise on natural philosophy. 2v. E2985-6
Konody (P. G.) Art of Walter Crane F2807
Leighton (Lord) Drawings and studies F2857
Maclean (Magnus) *ed.* Modern electric practice. 6v. ... G2837-42
Mahaffy (J. P.) Greek Classical literature. 4v. ... H2801-4
Malven (William) Gazetteer of the World B2948
Masson (David) Life of Milton. 6v. C2776-81
Meander (Augustus) *trans. by* Torrey (Joseph) Church History. 10v. A2681-90
Merivale (Charles) Romans Under the Empire. 8v. ...C2793-2800
Mommsen (Theodor) *trans. by* Dickson (Wm. Purdie) History of Rome. 5v. C2782-6

Murray (David) Museums : Their history and use. 3v. H2915-7
Paul (Herbert) History of modern England. 4v. ... C2903-6
Pfeffer (W.) Physiology of plants. 3v. E2972-4
Preston (Thomas) Theory of heat E2945
Theory of light E2946
Prestwick (J.) Geology. 2v. E2975-6
Prior (Edward S.) Gothic art in England F2889
Ramsay (J. H.) Lancaster and York. 2v. C2958-9
Rashdall (Hastings) Universities of Europe in the Middle Ages. 2v. D2920-1
Ricketts (C. S.) The Prado and its Masterpieces ... F2884
Rolleston (George) Forms of animal life E2984
Routh (Edward J.) Advanced rigid dynamics ... E2953
Elementary rigid dynamics E2952
Schimper (A. F. W.) Plant geography E2971
Schürer (Emil) History of the Jews 5v. A2826-30
Singer (Hans W.) Drawings of Durer F2881
Smith (William) *and* Wace (Henry) Dictionary of Christian biography Vols. 3 and 4 ... ... C2765-6
Solms-Laubach (H. Graf zu) *trans. by* Garnsey (H. E. F.) Fossil botany E2979
Sparrow (W. S.) *ed.* Gospels in art F2846
Strange (F. A.) English Furniture, woodwork, decoration, etc. F2929
Sutcliffe (G. Lister) Modern carpenter and joiner. 8v. G2727-34
Weiss (Bernhard) Biblical theology of the New Testament. 2v. A2835-6

County Borough of Bournemouth.

FOURTEENTH

Annual Report

∴ OF THE ∴

Public Libraries Committee,

1906-7.

BOURNEMOUTH.
Printed for the Committee.

TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,

Herewith the Public Libraries Committee have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report for the year 1906-7.

The most important feature of the year ending 31st March, 1907, has been the practical start made with the scheme for new Branch Libraries contemplated under Mr. Carnegie's offer to the Borough. With the concurrence of the Council, your Committee invited competitive designs for a Winton Library from architects practising in the Borough, and accepted those submitted by Messrs. Hawker and Mitchell, to whom the work was entrusted. Mr. G. A. Bligh Livesay was awarded a prize of ten guineas, and Mr. C. T. Miles of five guineas, for designs placed by the Assessor as second and third respectively in order of merit. The estimate of Messrs. Miller and Sons for building the Library was accepted, after a close competition, for the sum of £1,833. The work has already made good progress and the Library should be open to the public during the present year. The late Lord Leven's generosity in presenting the site to the town has not yet been followed by a similar gift in either of the other districts, and to meet the growing demand for more space at Boscombe, the Librarian prepared a scheme for enlarging the temporary premises there. This has now been carried out, and enables the Boscombe Branch to be organised upon the Open Access System, an improvement much appreciated by readers in the locality.

As the congestion at the Central Library has become very acute, especially in the Lending department and Reading Room, Mr. Carnegie was asked if he would allow some portion of the money offered for Branches to

be utilised for a new Central Library, but he has replied declining to alter the conditions of his offer. A suitable building should, therefore, be provided out of the regular Library income, which is limited by statute to a penny rate. Your Committee earnestly hope that the Council will proceed in this matter without further delay.

Turning to the statistics which are appended in full detail to this report, it is gratifying to notice that the issues of books during the past year have surpassed all previous records. They number 220,595 vols., bringing the aggregate since the Libraries were established to a total of over two million volumes. This result is made up as follows :—Central Lending, 151,262 ; Central Reference, 13,664 ; Boscombe, 35,383 ; Westbourne, 10,901 ; Springbourne, 9,385. Last year the complete stock of books amounted to 24,626 vols. We have now 26,664 volumes, and have replaced a large number of popular works which were worn out by constant use. The new books include many valuable additions to the Reference Library, and have been allotted in the following proportions : — Central Lending, 989 ; Central Reference, 96 ; Boscombe, 594 ; Westbourne, 250 ; Springbourne, 109.

The foregoing figures do not include the School Libraries which were established in conjunction with the Education Committee a year ago. The Librarian is now preparing a report on this interesting addition to Library activities, and it may be confidently anticipated that the facilities given to the senior scholars of our Primary Schools will have a marked effect in developing a taste for good literature which will continue through life.

The publication of Quarterly Guides to new additions and particular classes of books has been instituted at small cost and these are issued free to borrowers. Three numbers have already been published dealing principally with History, Travel, Biography, and the Useful and Constructive Arts. The next will be devoted to Natural and Mathematical Science. This is one of many

efforts made by the Committee to encourage the reading of books of an educational character. With a properly equipped Central Library very much more could be done in this direction.

We have to deplore the loss by resignation of two valued colleagues in the persons of Mr. C. T. Miles and the Rev. Canon Toyne. Mr. Miles was Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for twelve years, and the Committee trust his absence will only be temporary; Canon Toyne's literary knowledge was of great service to the Books Sub-Committee. The new members are the Rev. E. J. Kennedy and Dr. J. R. L. Dixon.

The Library staff have rendered loyal service throughout the year; the youngest assistant, Bernard Sharp, resigned in February owing to his family leaving the town for Gibraltar, and two junior assistants, Kenneth Ryde and Herbert White, have been appointed.

C. J. WHITTING,

Chairman.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1907 (estimated) 70,000.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £576,738.
Public Libraries Acts adopted 11th March, 1893.
Committee first appointed 21st March, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, 7th June, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened 1st January, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established 10th January, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.
Winton Temporary Branch News Room opened 8th February, 1905.

Committee.

Chairman: Mr. C. J. Whitting.

Vice-Chairman: *Mr. G. J. Lawson, J.P.

*Mr. A. J. Abbott.
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.)
*Mr. R. Y. Banks.
*Mr. W. Bolton, J.P.
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon.
*Mr. C. Frampton.
Mr. G. Galpin.
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D.
(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee.
Rev. E. J. Kennedy, M.A.
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P.
Mr. J. A. Toone.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: Charles Riddle.

Sub-Librarian: Hugh Stevenson.

Senior Assistants:

Arthur Hawkes.
Lewis Corner.
Alfred Sims.
George Fry.

Junior Assistants:

Edgar Osborne.
Arthur Rainer.
Kenneth Ryde.
Herbert White.

Chief Caretaker: Edward Jones.

Attendances of Committee for year ending 31st March, 1907.

	Public Library.	Books Sub-Committee	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Buildings Sub-Committee	Total of Attendances.
Number of Meetings.	14	13	10	3	40
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman* ...	13	12	9	3	37
Mr. G. J. Lawson, J.P., *Vice-Chairman*	6	4	4	3	17
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., *Chairman Books Sub-Committee*	10	9	—	—	19
Mr. C. T. Miles, F.R.I.B.A., *Resigned November, 1906*	4	—	4	—	8
*Mr. R. Y. Banks	9	8	—	—	17
*Mr. W. Bolton, J.P.	3	—	2	—	5
*Mr. C. Frampton, J.P.	11	—	6	2	19
Mr. G. Galpin	12	11	—	—	23
*Mr. A. J. Abbott, *Chairman Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee* ...	11	—	7	1	19
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P.	—	—	—	—	—
Mr. J. A. Toone	13	12	—	—	25
Rev. Canon Toyne *Resigned November, 1906*	2	1	—	—	3
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon, *Appointed November, 1906*	7	5	—	—	12
Rev. E. J. Kennedy, M.A., *Appointed November, 1906*	1	2	—	—	3

*Members of Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in Departments.

Central Lending Library—

Class.		Mar. 31st, 1907.	Mar. 31st. 1906.	No. of Vols added.
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	750	714	36
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities	1153	1063	90
C.	History, Biography	2296	2129	167
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, etc.	545	506	39
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences ...	1165	1072	93
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	934	874	60
G.	Useful and Constructive Arts	646	589	57
H.	Language and Literature	300	280	20
J.	Poetry and the Drama	546	524	22
K.	Prose and Juvenile Fiction	7416	7056	360
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works ...	1219	1174	45
		16970	15981	989
Reference Library		3066	2970	96
Boscombe Branch Library		3331	2737	594
Westbourne Branch Library		1793	1543	250
Springbourne Branch Library		1504	1395	109
		26664	24626	2038

Comparative Annual Issues, 1905-6.

	1906.	1905.	Increase.
Central Lending Library	151,262	148,776	2,486
Central Reference Library	13,664	13,281	383
Boscombe Branch Library	35,383	33,764	1,619
Westbourne Branch Library... ...	10,901	9,890	1,011
Springbourne Branch Library ...	9,385	8,400	985
Totals ...	220,595	214,111	6,484

Table of Issues from all Departments. January 1st to December 31st, 1906.

Month.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Literature.	Total.
January	232	683	1041	186	419	552	327	223	243	15661	864	20431
February...	226	670	980	127	470	466	312	311	355	14220	769	18906
March	242	692	1062	184	459	513	325	298	234	16538	833	21380
April	196	584	747	108	436	418	245	341	236	13376	583	17270
May	174	723	942	91	419	474	257	308	268	14647	699	19002
June	156	711	724	91	417	385	226	442	184	13488	595	17419
July	121	615	623	72	330	309	202	178	166	12458	500	15574
August	160	664	628	79	320	345	208	158	160	12581	472	15775
September	139	592	672	150	316	386	234	295	225	13001	529	16539
October	191	660	856	155	416	511	299	370	327	15253	808	19846
November	190	840	1032	165	409	483	286	363	317	14952	778	19815
December	170	736	857	115	356	431	284	473	390	14113	713	18638
Total...	2197	8170	10164	1523	4767	5273	3205	3760	3105	170288	8143	220595

Tables of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1906.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Literature.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	27	12	158	148	61	33	118	52	104	62	27	341	1116	41
February...	24	31	129	170	28	60	96	65	200	151	15	314	1259	52
March	27	14	132	206	67	54	87	86	176	43	8	309	1182	43
April	23	24	160	121	21	101	60	51	268	88	4	183	1081	47
May	27	17	177	214	23	66	58	61	201	106	1	274	1198	44
June	25	45	236	143	35	90	115	39	355	81	8	238	1385	55
July	26	9	194	71	14	64	56	36	111	40	—	139	734	28
August	26	38	219	96	22	82	59	46	80	43	4	164	853	32
September	25	14	210	95	68	37	41	47	168	82	10	207	979	39
October	27	36	159	92	38	72	83	56	229	118	28	351	1262	46
November	26	33	169	117	47	41	65	66	234	118	3	334	1227	47
December	24	26	140	90	38	59	66	67	362	233	13	294	1388	57
Tota ...	307	299	2083	1563	462	759	904	672	2488	1165	121	3148	13664	44

Table of Issues from Central Lending Library, 1906.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G seful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	27	187	384	767	118	326	416	244	95	148	11173	485	14343	531
February	24	171	406	704	95	361	355	223	100	175	9870	423	12883	536
March	27	204	408	750	106	341	411	205	108	166	11437	482	14618	541
April	23	154	328	524	76	285	351	176	65	119	9356	381	11815	513
May	27	142	388	614	61	314	399	182	96	147	10048	379	12770	473
June	25	106	371	513	53	291	259	175	81	87	9578	333	11847	473
July	26	101	317	474	57	236	244	152	59	112	8774	348	10874	418
August	26	117	342	457	54	207	278	148	68	112	8759	283	10825	416
September	25	115	274	489	78	258	337	169	114	130	9164	292	11420	456
October	27	142	364	661	114	299	412	220	131	192	10752	419	13706	507
November	26	143	457	777	107	295	391	197	111	179	10314	386	13357	513
December	24	135	428	651	70	262	350	201	95	140	10095	377	12804	533
Tota	307	1717	4467	7381	989	3475	4203	2292	1123	1707	119320	4588	151262	492

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Library, 1906.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography.	D Social Science.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	23	58	73	4	37	14	18	18	29	2867	25	3166	243
February	12	16	59	65	4	35	10	18	4	24	2765	23	3023	251
March	14	14	67	69	8	52	10	18	5	21	3239	33	3536	252
April	11	12	43	65	10	39	4	10	2	22	2466	14	2687	244
May	14	11	92	78	7	32	15	9	5	11	2999	32	3291	235
June	13	3	61	44	1	16	8	7	1	12	2429	17	2599	199
July	13	10	53	39	1	18	6	9	3	13	2374	9	2535	195
August...	14	4	57	29	3	19	5	8	6	4	2493	14	2642	188
September	12	4	45	37	2	14	4	13	9	12	2364	18	2522	210
October	13	7	73	38	1	34	9	13	7	12	2904	30	3128	240
November	14	10	153	74	9	54	20	12	13	15	3126	41	3527	251
December	11	4	85	49	4	27	8	3	13	9	2502	23	2727	247
Total	154	118	846	660	54	377	113	138	86	184	32528	279	35383	229

Table of Issues from the Westbourne Branch Lending Library, 1906.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	6	38	29	2	16	—	2	2	3	839	7	944	72
February	12	4	39	27	—	6	3	—	4	1	832	8	924	77
March	14	6	46	31	3	4	5	—	2	—	975	4	1076	76
April	12	4	34	26	—	8	3	2	1	3	868	2	951	79
May	13	2	30	19	—	3	2	2	—	1	882	6	947	72
June	12	—	24	14	1	13	1	1	1	1	794	5	855	71
July	13	1	22	24	—	3	1	3	2	—	788	2	846	65
August	12	1	19	31	—	4	1	2	2	1	737	2	800	66
September	13	4	31	31	1	3	—	3	3	1	765	4	846	65
October	13	4	35	43	2	8	3	1	3	1	845	5	950	73
November	13	2	32	39	2	12	3	4	3	3	798	12	910	70
December...	14	3	35	37	3	6	4	5	1	4	747	7	852	60
Total ...	154	37	385	351	14	86	26	25	24	19	9870	64	10901	71

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Lending Library, 1906.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and General Work.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	9	4	45	24	1	7	4	11	4	1	755	6	862	95
February	8	4	37	14	—	8	2	6	3	4	738	1	817	102
March	9	4	39	6	—	8	—	16	7	4	879	5	968	107
April	8	2	19	11	1	3	—	6	5	4	682	3	736	92
May	9	2	36	17	—	4	—	3	6	3	717	8	796	88
June	9	2	19	10	1	7	2	4	4	3	679	2	733	81
July	8	—	29	15	—	9	2	2	3	1	522	2	585	73
August	9	—	27	15	—	8	2	4	2	—	588	9	655	72
September	9	2	32	20	1	4	4	2	1	—	698	8	772	85
October	9	3	29	22	—	3	4	9	—	4	724	2	800	88
November	8	2	29	25	—	7	4	7	2	2	711	5	794	99
December	8	2	48	30	—	2	3	8	2	4	756	12	867	108
Total ...	103	27	389	209	4	70	27	78	39	30	8449	63	9385	91

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1906.

	Branch.			
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.
Accountants	3			
Agents	3	10		1
Apprentices	14	8		5
Architects	15	1		
Artists & Art Students	6	3		
Assistants (Shop and other)	110	23	7	3
Auctioneers	2			
Bakers & Confectioners	6	9		2
Bank Officials	1	1	2	
Barmen and Barmaids	2	1		
Billiard Marker	1			
Blacksmiths	1			2
Book-keepers	20	3	2	3
Boot and Shoemakers	6	7		2
Bricklayers	1			1
Builders	4	1		1
Butchers	6	3		1
Cab drivers	1		1	
Cabinet makers and Upholsterers	14	5		1
Carmen	1		1	
Carpenters and Joiners	16	13		5
Carvers and Gilders	2			
Cashiers	6		1	
Caterers	3			1
Chemists	9	1	1	1
Chimney Sweeps	4			
Civil Servants	9	3	4	3
Clergymen	12		1	
Clerks	125	15	1	4
Coachman	1			
Coach Painter	1			
Coal Merchant	1			
Commercial Travellers	8			
Companions	1	4	2	1
Cycle Makers	3	1		
Dairy-keepers	2	2		
Dentists and Assistants	5			
Designers	2			

	Branch.			
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.
Doctors	6			
Domestic Servants	107	33	13	3
Drapers and Assistants	56	8	7	1
Dressmakers and Assistants	74	21	6	10
Dyer and Cleaner		1		
Electricians	10	3		
Electro-plater		1		
Elocutionist	1			
Engine Drivers and Cleaners	1			3
Engineers, Civil and Mechanical	7		1	
Errand and Office Boys	13	5		
Estate Agents	2			
Fireman	1			
Fishmongers	2	3		
Fitter	1			
Florists	4	1		
Footmen	7			1
Foremen	1	1	1	
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	6	4	2	1
Furniture Dealers	3	1		
Gardeners	9	9	2	
Goldsmiths, jewellers, and watchmakers	7	8		
Governesses	8	3	2	
Grocers and Provision Dealers	18	8	2	1
Groom	1			
Hairdressers	5	4	1	
Hatter	1			
Hosier	1			
Housekeepers	22	7	2	1
Inspectors	2	1		
Insurance Agents	5			
Ironmongers	5	8		
Journalists	4			
Labourers	4			2

Occupations of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Branch.			
	Central.	Westbourne.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.
Laundresses	2			1
Library Assistants	10			
Linotypists	2			
Lodging-house Keepers	5	37	4	
Manager and Manageresses	12		2	
Masons	2		1	
Masseur	1			
Matrons	1	1		
Mechanics	1		1	
Milliners	14	12		1
Motor Drivers	2			
Musicians and Musical Students	16	4	1	
Naval and Military Officers (retired)	6	4		
Needleworkers	4			
Nurses	22	12	2	2
Opticians	2			
Outfitters	5	1	1	
Page Boys	7			
Painters, Decorators, and Paperhangers	6	11		5
Pensioner	1			
Photographers	12	4		
Piano Tuners	7			
Picture Frame Maker		1		
Plasterers	2			2
Plumbers	8	2		
Policemen		1		1
Porters	7	4		2
Postmen	10		1	1
Printer's Reader	1			
Printers & Compositors	18	1	3	
Pupil Teachers	15	1	1	
Railway Employees	4			
Reporters	3			
Riding Masters		2		
Salesmen	7	2		1
Scholars	279	85	32	24

	Branch.			
	Central.	Westbourne.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses & Teachers	65	16	7	5
Secretaries	7			
Sign Writers		3		
Sisters of Mercy	3			
Soldiers	2			
Solicitors	5			
Stablemen	2			
Stationers	3	5		
Stonemason		1		
Students	28	3	1	
Superintendents	2			
Surveyors	2			
Tailors and Tailoresses	15	8		1
Taxidermist				1
Teachers of Singing	3			
Teachers of Language	4			
Telegraph Messengers	5			4
Tobacconists	1	1		
Tram Drivers and Conductors	2	3		
Typists	5			
Verger				1
Waiters and Waitresses	9	2		1
Wheelwright		4		
Window Cleaner	1			
Wine and Spirit Merchants	3		1	
Not stated (principally Ratepayers, wives of Ratepayers, and retired persons)	3839	752	279	209
TOTAL ...	5321	1227	399	322
	7269			

No. of Ratepayers, Central	... ...	1378
Boscombe	... ...	366
Westbourne	... ...	79
Springbourne	... ...	103
No. of Non-Ratepayers, Central	... .	3944
Boscombe	... ...	860
Westbourne	... ...	320
Springbourne	... ...	219
		7269

List of Periodicals, &c.

Those marked thus (*) are presented.
Those marked thus (†) are transferred mid-weekly.

Dailies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Bournemouth Daily Echo	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Graphic	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Mail	1	1	1		1
Daily News	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Telegraph ...	1	1		1	
Financial News... ...	1	1			
Globe	1				
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1		1
Morning Post	1	1			
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1		1	
Standard	1	1	1	1	1
Star		1			
Times	1	1	1	1	
Tribune	1	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1		1	
Semi-Weeklies.					
Bournemouth Directory...	1	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Guardian...	1	1	1	1	1
Weeklies.					
†Academy and Literature	1	1			
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1	1
Amateur Photography...	1				
†Architect	1	1			
*Aspirant	1	1			
†Athenæum	1			1	
Athletic News			1		
Birmingh'm Weekly Post	1				
Black and White ...		1	1		
*Board of Trade Journal		1	1		
*Bournemouth & District Amusements	1	1			
*Bournemouth Graphic...	1	1	1	1	

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Bournemouth Observer...	1	1	1	1	1
*British Architect ...		1			
British Weekly	1	1			
†Broad Arrow	1	1			
Builder	1	1		1	1
†Building News	1	1	1		1
*Canada	1				
*Canadian Gazette ...			1		
Carpenter and Builder...		1			
Catholic Times... ...	1	1			
Christian World ...	1	1			1
†Church Guardian ...	1	1			
Church Times		1			
*Civil Service Gazette ...	1				
*Civil Service Hints ...	1				
*Civil Service Weekly ...		1			
*Civil Service Competitor	1				
*Co-Operative News ...	1		1		1
Cycling	1	1			
*Daily Mail (weekly edition for the Blind)	1				
Economist	1				
*Electrical Engineering...	1				
†Electrician	1	1			
†Engineering	1				1
English Mechanic ...		1	1	1	1
*Estates Gazette ...	1				
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1			
Field	1	1			
Gardening	1	1			
Gardeners' Chronicle ...	1				
Gentlewoman	1	1			
Graphic	1	1	1		1
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1			
Hampshire Independent	1				
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	1	1	1	1
Illustrated London News	1	1	1	1	

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News		1			
Lady		1	1		1
Lady's Field		1			
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		1	
*Laundry Journal ...	1				
*L.G.O.		1			
Manchester Guardian (Saturday Ed.)	1				
*Middlesex County Times		1			
Municipal Journal	1	1	1		
Musical News	1				
†Nation	1	1			
†Nature	1			1	
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle	1				
†Outlook...	1	1			1
*Patent Office Official Journal	1				
Pitman's Journal ...	1				
†Punch	1	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	1			
*Railway News		1			
Reader	1	1		1	
Scientific American ...	1	1			
Science Siftings ...	1	1		1	1
Sketch	1	1	1	1	
†Spectator	1	1		1	
Sphere	1	1	1	1	1
Tatler		1			
T.P.'s Weekly	1	1	1	1	1
Truth	1	1	1	1	1
Western Gazette ...		1	1	1	
Westminster Gazette (Weekly edition)			1		
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1			
Fortnightlies.					
Certificate Examiner ...	1				
University Correspondent	1				

Monthlies. [Those marked thus ‡ are transferred at end of month].	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
*Animal's Friend ..	1	1	1	1	
Architectural Review ...	1				
Art Journal	1				
*Baker and Confectioner		1			
Boy's Own Paper ...		1			
Captain	1				
Cassell's Magazine ...		1	1	1	
‡Cassier's Magazine ...	1	1			
‡Century Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
‡Chambers' Journal ...	1	1			1
Chums	1				
*Concord...		1			
Connoisseur	1				
‡Contemporary Review...	1	1	1		
English Illustrated Magazine		1			
‡Fortnightly Review ...	1	1		1	
‡Gentleman's Magazine...	1				1
Girls' Own Paper ...		1			
‡Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
*Herald of the Cross ...			1		
*Herald of the Golden Age			1		
‡Independent Review ...	1	1			
Knowledge	1	1		1	
*Labour Gazette... ...			1		
Lady's Realm	1	1			
‡Literary World... ...	1	1			1
London Magazine ...		1	1		1
*Mercury Magazine ...	1	1			
Millgate Monthly ...	1		1		1
‡Monthly Review ...	1				1
*Moravian Missions ...	1				
Musical Times	1				
*Navy League Journal ...	1	1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1			
*Nonconformist Musical Journal		1			
*Organist and Choirmaster	1				
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Photogram	1				

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Monthlies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Rapid Review					1
‡Railway Magazine ...	1				1
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1	1
Royal Magazine ...		1			
‡Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1			1
*Strad	1				
Strand	1	1	1	1	1
Studio	1	1		1	
*Traveller's Gazette ...	1	1	1	1	1
*Troubadour	1	1			
*Tuberculosis	1				
Windsor Magazine ...	1	1			1
*Wings	1				1
Woman at Home ...	1	1			1
World's Work	1	1			
Bi-Monthlies.					
*Anti-Slavery Reporter...	1	1	1		
British Printer	1				
Quarterlies.					
Edinburgh Review ...	1				
*Journal of Balnaeology and Climatology	1	1			
Quarterly Review ...	1				
*Verulam Review ...	1				
Directories. ...					
Advertiser's A.B.C. ...	1				
‡Army List	1	1			
Crockford's Clerical ...	1	1			
*Hampton's Scholastic ...	1	1			
Kelly's Bournemouth ...	1	1	1	1	1
Kelly's County Councils, etc.	1				

Directories.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset	1	1			
Kelly's London	1	1	1	1	1
Kelly's London P.O. ...	1	1			
Kelly's London Suburban	1				
*Macdonald's English ...	1				
Mate's Business Directory of Bournemouth	1	1			
Medical Directory ...	1	1			
‡Navy List	1	1			
Perry's Trading and Professional	1				
Portsmouth and Southampton	1				
*Practical Advertising ...	1	1			
*South-Western Counties	1				
Stubbs' Manufactures and Professional	1	1			
Railway Time Tables.					
A.B.C.	1				
Bradshaw	1	1	1	1	
*Caledonian	1	1	1	1	
*Glasgow and South-Western	1	1	1	1	
*Great Central	1	1		1	1
*Great Eastern	1				
*Great Northern... ...	1	1	1	1	
*Great Western	1	1	1	1	
*Highland	1				
*London, Brighton and South Coast	1	1	1	1	
*London and North-Western	1	1	1	1	
*London and South-Western	1	1	1	1	1
*Midland...	1	1	1	1	1
*North British	1	1	1	1	

List of Donors, 1906-7.

Name of Donor.	Description of Donation.
Agent-General for Australia	1 vol.
Agent-General for Queensland	2 vols.
Agent-General for Western Australia	1 vol.
Anonymous	2 vols.
Bridge, J. H., Esq. ...	1 vol.
Bristol Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Principal of ...	1 vol.
British Weights & Measures Society	Reports
British Museum, Trustees	5 vols.
Co-partnership Tenants' Housing Council ...	1 vol.
Cameron, Mrs.	1 vol.
Commissioner of Emigration	1 vol. and pam'ts.
Dixon, Dr. J. R. L. ...	2 vols.
Elgood, Rev. J. C. ...	2 vols.
First Garden City Co. ...	4 vols.
Frodsham, R. C., Esq. ...	1 vol.
Honeyman Gillespie Trust	1 vol.
Humphreys, Mrs. W. D. ("Rita")	1 vol.
Labour Co-partnership Association	1 vol.
Magnard, Mdlle. J. M. ...	2 vols.
Mather & Crowther, Ltd.	1 vol.
Merrell, Miss	1 wkly
New Zealand Government	1 vol.
Nunn, Dr. P. W. G. ...	6 pam'ts
Orient Royal Mail Line ...	5 vols.
Pratt, Edwin J., Esq. ...	1 vol.
Ransome, Arthur, M.D., F.R.S.	7 vols.
Saunders, Miss	2 vols.
Smith, Miss E. M. ...	1 vol.
Vancouver (B.C.) Board of Trade	1 vol.
Volta Bureau	6 pam'ts.
Wimborne, Lady ...	4 vols.

Reports.

Reports, etc., have been received from the following Libraries:—

Acton (Passmore Edwards); Ashton-under-Lyne; Baillie's Institute (Glasgow); Barrow-in-Furness; Battersea; Belfast; Birmingham; Blackburn; Brighton; Bristol; Brixton; Cambridge; Colchester; Cork; Cripplegate Institute; Croydon; Derby; Ealing; Finsbury; Folkstone; Fulham; Gosport and Alverstoke; Great Yarmouth; Hammersmith; Hartlepool; Hornsey; Hove; Hyde; Ipswich; John Crerar Library (Chicago); Kettering; Kidderminster; Kingston-upon-Thames; Leeds; Leicester; Lincoln; Liverpool; Middlesbrough; Newcastle-upon-Tyne; New York; Plymouth; Preston; Richmond; Rochdale; Shoreditch; Smethwick; Stirling's and Glasgow; Stockport; Tottenham; Tynemouth; Walthamstow; Wandsworth; West Bromwich; Westminster; Willesden; Wimbledon; Worcester; York.

County Borough of Bournemouth.

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Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1907-8.

Bournemouth:
Printed for the Committee.

TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,—

The year ending 31st March, 1908 has been most important in the development of an adequate Public Library organisation for the Borough.

Winton has the honour, thanks to the generosity of the late Lord Leven and Melville in presenting a site, of being the first district in Bournemouth to possess a specially erected and modern library under the conditions of Mr. Carnegie's gift. It is gratifying to record the unqualified success that has attended the Winton branch from its opening on the 26th October last. The three reading rooms—including one reserved for children—are freely used by a large number of people, the borrowers number 1,100, and 14,319 books have been lent in five months.

Your Committee are now engaged, under the direction of the Council, in providing a similar Library at Springbourne, and it is hoped the building will be completed during the present year. As the site is in the midst of the most densely populated district of the Borough, the success of this library may be confidently anticipated.

Bournemouth Central Library was the first in England to be opened from its inception with the Open Access System, and its extension to the Boscombe branch a year ago was followed by an immediate addition to the number of readers. This encouraged your Committee to make a similar experiment at Westbourne and the effect has been equally satisfactory. When the new Springbourne Library is opened the Open Access principle will have been adopted in all our libraries.

Under Mr. Carnegie's offer, a sum of £4,000 is waiting to be utilised for a Boscombe Library, and £2,000 for Westbourne, whenever sites are provided. Your Committee earnestly appeal to residents in these localities for their practical co-operation in securing at the earliest moment the gift of suitable pieces of land for the purpose.

Each year finds the necessity for a properly designed Central Library more pressing, and for this we shall apparently have to rely upon our own resources, which cannot exceed a penny rate for all library purposes. Failing the munificence of some public spirited citizen—and few nobler objects can appeal to anyone who desires to elevate and adorn our town—your Committee trust the Council will very soon proceed to erect a Central Public Library—possibly as a section of new Municipal Buildings.

In future years the brief Annual Report may deal less with difficulties connected with buildings and more exhaustively with new developments in administration. Happily the success of the Libraries was never more marked than during last year, as will be seen by examining the Librarian's tables of statistics attached hereto.

The total issue of books for the year numbered 236,654 vols., being 16,059 in excess of any previous record. Each section participated in the growing popularity of the Libraries, the aggregate being made up as follows:—Central Lending, 154,745; Central Reference, 15,852; Boscombe, 40,238; Westbourne, 11,633; Springbourne, 10,100; Winton (two months only) 4,086. The number of individual borrowers was 8,274 on 31st December last. These figures leave out of account the 41,406 vols. issued through the School Libraries during the two years ended 31st March, 1907, that very interesting work in which your Committee have the pleasure of co-operating with the Education Committee.

A year ago the Libraries contained a stock of 26,664 books. The number has now been raised to 30,483, divided as follows:—Central Lending, 18,335; Central

Reference, 3,454; Boscombe, 3,628; Westbourne, 1,978; Springbourne, 1,574; Winton, 1,514. In addition to purchasing 3,819 new books, some 500 popular works have been replaced by new copies.

Lists of books to be found in the Central Library relating to special subjects of contemporary interest have been prepared and distributed. These have proved helpful to many readers, and the scheme will be extended in the future. The privilege of allowing certain books of reference to be taken for home reading at the Librarian's discretion is also much appreciated by serious students.

Quarterly Guides have been published dealing particularly with books on Social Science, Religion and Philosophy, Miscellaneous Works, and the Fine and Recreative Arts. The eighth of the series is now in the press and is devoted to a classification of the books we have in Foreign Languages. These are in demand by an increasing number of readers.

Owing to changes in the membership of the Council last November, your Committee lost the services of Messrs. Abbott, Bolton, and Lawson. The Mayor, Mr. Cotes and Mr. Tame were appointed to fill the vacancies, and Mr. Banks was elected Vice-Chairman, in succession to Mr. Lawson, who had been a valued member of the Committee since its formation.

There has been no change in the staff, all of whom have worked well. The salaries of the senior assistants have been revised, and Mr. Arthur Hawkes, who has earned some literary distinction in library circles, has been appointed Chief Assistant.

C. J. WHITTING,

Chairman.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1908 (estimated) 73,441.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £592,572.
Public Libraries Acts adopted 11th March, 1893.
Committee first appointed 21st March, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, 7th June, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened 1st January, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established 10th January, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.
Winton Temporary Branch News Room opened 8th February, 1905.
Winton Library opened, 26th October, 1907.

Committee.

Chairman: Mr. C. J. Whitting.

Vice-Chairman: *Mr. R. Y. Banks.

*Mr. G. E. Bridge (Mayor).
*Mr. H. V. M. Cotes.
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon.
*Mr. C. Frampton, J.P.
Mr. G. Galpin.
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D.
Chairman of Books Sub-Committee).
Rev. E. J. Kennedy, M.A.
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P.
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee).
*Mr. T. Tame.
Mr. J. A. Toone.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: Charles Riddle.

Sub-Librarian: Hugh Stevenson.

Chief Assistant: Arthur Hawkes.

Senior Assistants:

Lewis Corner.
Alfred Sims.
George Fry.
Edgar Osborne

Junior Assistants.

Arthur Rainer.
Kenneth Ryde.
Herbert White.

Chief Caretaker: Edward Jones.

Attendances of Committee for year ending 31st March, 1908.

	Public Library.	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Special Sub-Committees.	Total of Attendances.
Number of Meetings.	13	11	11	1	36
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman* ...	13	11	11	1	36
*Mr. R. Y Banks, *Vice-Chairman* ...	10	8	6	1	25
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., *Chairman Books Sub Committee*	11	9	—	—	20
*Mr. J. A. Parsons, J.P., *Chairman Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee*	3	—	3	—	6
*Mr. G. E. Bridge (Mayor), *Appointed November, 1907*	1	—	—	1	2
*Mr. H. V. M. Cotes, *Appointed November, 1907*	2	—	1	—	3
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon	11	7	—	—	18
*Mr. C. Frampton, J. P.	11	—	9	—	20
Mr. G. Galpin	5	4	—	—	9
Rev. E. J. Kennedy, M.A.	2	2	—	—	4
*Mr. T. Tame, *Appointed November, 1907*	6	—	5	—	11
Mr. J. A. Toone	13	11	—	—	24
*Mr. A. J. Abbott, J.P. *Resigned Nov., '07*	5	—	4	—	9
*Mr. W. Bolton, J.P., ,,	6	—	5	—	11
*Mr. G. J. Lawson, J.P. ,,	3	1	1	—	5

* Members of the Town Council.

Number and Classification of Books in all Departments.

Central Lending Library.

Class.		Mar. 31st, 1908.	Mar. 31st, 1907.	No. of Vols. added.
A.	Theology, Philosophy, Ecclesiastical History	803	750	53
B.	Topography, Travels, Antiquities... ...	1250	1153	97
C.	History, Biography	2407	2296	111
D.	Law, Sociology, Education, etc.	619	545	74
E.	Natural and Mathematical Sciences ...	1230	1165	65
F.	Fine and Recreative Arts	998	934	64
G.	Useful and Constructive Arts	719	646	73
H.	Language and Literature	337	300	37
J.	Poetry and the Drama	594	546	48
K.	Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature ...	8119	7416	703
L.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works ...	1259	1219	40
		18335	16970	1365
	Central Reference Library ...	3454	3066	388
	Boscombe Branch Library ...	3628	3331	297
	Westbourne Branch Library ...	1978	1793	185
	Springbourne Branch Library ...	1574	1504	70
	Winton Branch Library ...	1514	—	1514
		30483	26664	3819

Comparative Annual Issues.

	1907.	1906.	Increase.
Central Lending Library	154745	151264	3483
Central Reference Library	15852	13665	2188
Boscombe Branch Library	40238	35383	4855
Westbourne Branch Library	11633	10901	732
Springbourne Branch Library ...	10100	9385	715
Winton Branch Library (2 months) ...	4086	—	4086
	236654	220595	16059

Table of Issues from all Departments. January 1st to December 31st, 1907.

Month.	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works	Total.
January	215	891	1057	138	531	538	384	347	253	15848	758	20960
February	259	817	1002	167	515	416	390	475	304	13611	667	18623
March	258	839	1081	179	548	541	374	540	401	14809	795	20365
April	246	807	1031	150	564	534	407	498	305	14978	807	20237
May	238	803	964	142	498	570	406	399	252	15178	713	20163
June	227	813	821	131	466	503	369	408	403	14137	703	18981
July	220	786	681	164	490	514	245	275	175	13715	584	17849
August	173	774	697	122	457	407	293	286	174	13586	604	17573
September	197	727	758	142	487	505	316	325	248	13363	578	17646
October	222	881	1045	195	515	614	372	388	295	15603	759	20889
November	248	848	1058	294	513	596	414	325	369	17547	779	22991
December	256	867	854	225	435	566	352	348	343	15363	768	20377
Total	2759	9853	11049	2049	6019	6304	4322	4524	3522	177738	8515	236654

Table of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1907.

Month.	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works	Total	Daily Average.
January	27	29	205	122	46	101	81	100	219	60	20	320	1303	48
February...	24	43	194	149	64	72	46	127	349	103	11	278	1436	59
March	25	47	201	147	52	70	113	76	419	185	24	328	1662	66
April	25	36	242	161	39	80	74	71	297	117	9	318	1444	57
May	26	41	219	112	40	109	111	106	292	84	17	261	1392	53
June	25	35	283	111	46	112	86	117	332	243	21	223	1609	64
July	27	22	257	92	40	117	86	29	178	33	3	152	1009	37
August	26	25	270	132	28	127	60	58	192	50	3	152	1097	42
September	25	18	197	146	28	100	69	49	230	89	13	152	1091	43
October	27	19	216	168	29	107	110	87	259	99	10	234	1338	49
November	26	32	157	141	69	69	102	73	207	167	2	212	1231	47
December	24	29	195	133	52	74	95	47	228	135	11	241	1240	51
Total ...	307	376	2636	1614	533	1138	1033	940	3202	1365	144	2871	15852	51

Table of Issues from Central Lending Library, 1907.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	27	152	441	768	79	356	428	251	112	152	10996	384	14119	522
February	24	198	464	745	102	363	346	228	114	182	9946	339	13027	542
March	25	194	497	808	119	418	381	259	114	180	10684	395	14049	561
April	25	192	393	690	97	397	390	282	96	149	10213	410	13309	532
May	26	179	406	708	87	309	383	260	92	136	10320	383	13263	510
June	25	169	371	594	72	284	347	210	67	131	9703	414	12362	494
July	27	175	388	482	111	312	373	176	82	126	9365	370	11960	443
August...	26	135	402	476	85	276	304	184	90	101	9121	396	11570	445
September	25	161	391	476	105	335	371	233	82	132	9048	377	11711	464
October	27	182	456	667	154	338	419	243	115	158	10198	465	13395	496
November	26	177	461	672	198	324	405	231	95	154	10526	464	13707	527
December	24	189	415	529	154	259	408	213	106	158	9412	430	12273	511
Total	307	2103	5085	7615	1363	3971	4555	2770	1165	1759	119532	4827	154745	504

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Library, 1907.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average
January	14	19	140	94	9	44	19	12	11	26	3268	37	3679	262
February	9	7	66	49	1	43	15	12	4	11	2146	29	2383	264
March	10	12	66	58	5	33	33	17	4	27	2452	49	2756	275
April	13	17	103	130	11	57	62	35	12	29	3180	49	3685	283
May	14	17	103	102	12	51	67	27	10	27	3155	52	3623	258
June	12	20	81	79	6	48	62	23	6	18	2756	54	3153	262
July	9	17	80	78	10	38	50	24	13	14	2886	50	3260	250
August	14	8	64	56	7	34	40	32	2	16	2973	38	3270	233
September	12	13	93	78	4	29	61	22	7	23	2775	41	3146	262
October	14	19	119	119	10	39	77	28	10	33	3536	48	4038	288
November	13	20	89	116	12	41	63	25	12	36	3544	52	4010	308
December	11	21	101	89	12	31	41	19	7	32	2845	37	3235	294
Total ...	145	190	1105	1048	99	488	590	276	98	292	35516	536	40238	270

Table of Issues from the Westbourne Branch Lending Library, 1907.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	12	44	40	4	13	3	9	—	4	824	9	962	74
February	12	4	40	39	—	20	4	7	—	4	796	8	922	76
March	13	1	37	39	3	11	4	4	1	4	827	12	943	72
April	12	1	27	21	3	18	2	4	2	4	811	12	905	75
May	12	—	37	23	1	18	2	5	—	—	930	8	1024	85
June	13	1	40	16	2	13	2	7	—	2	895	10	988	76
July	13	2	35	12	3	9	1	6	—	—	799	11	878	67
August	13	—	25	17	2	10	—	8	—	3	795	12	872	67
September	13	4	30	39	5	10	2	4	3	1	876	5	979	75
October	13	—	48	39	1	16	4	4	2	2	1004	5	1125	86
November	12	—	29	37	1	16	3	12	4	3	1039	3	1147	95
December...	10	2	46	37	1	12	3	4	2	7	766	8	888	88
Total ...	149	27	438	359	26	166	30	74	14	34	10362	103	11633	78

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Lending Library, 1907.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	9	3	61	33	—	17	7	12	5	11	740	8	897	99
February	8	7	53	20	—	17	5	16	8	4	712	13	855	106
March	9	4	38	29	—	16	10	18	2	5	822	11	955	106
April	8	—	42	29	—	12	6	15	1	6	765	18	894	111
May	9	1	38	19	2	11	7	8	5	5	756	9	861	95
June	9	2	38	21	5	9	6	12	3	9	762	2	869	96
July	9	4	26	17	—	14	4	10	2	2	662	1	742	82
August	9	5	13	16	—	10	3	11	2	4	694	6	764	84
September	8	1	16	19	—	13	2	8	3	3	651	3	719	89
October	9	—	35	45	—	13	4	6	1	3	766	1	874	97
November	9	—	23	30	1	10	5	5	2	2	848	4	930	103
December	7	—	19	18	2	11	3	9	1	2	672	3	740	105
Total ...	103	27	402	296	10	153	62	130	35	56	8850	79	10100	98

Table of Issues from the Winton Branch Lending Library, Oct.-Dec., 1907.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C Histor and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenil Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
October	1	2	7	7	1	2	—	4	1	—	89	6	119	119
November	9	19	89	62	13	53	18	68	5	7	1588	44	1966	218
December	7	15	91	48	4	48	16	60	4	9	1657	49	2001	285
Total ...	17	36	187	117	18	103	34	132	10	16	3334	99	4086	240

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1907.

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Accountants	15				
Agents and Canvassers	17	3			5
Apprentices	19	9		5	5
Architects	23	1			
Army Officers	17	2			1
Art Dealers	6	3			
Artists & Art Students	22	5			
Artisans (not specified)	102	35		31	30
Auctioneers, House and Estate Agents	19	3			1
Authors	7				
Bakers	18	3		3	2
Bank Officials	15	2	4		
Barmen and Barmaids	7				
Basket Maker					1
Bath Chair Proprietors	2				
Billiard Markers	3				
Blacksmiths	2				2
Blind-maker	1				
Bookbinders	4				
Book-keepers and Cashiers	55	4	1		8
Booksellers	5				
Boot-dealers	13	1			
Bootmakers	16	2	1	3	2
Bricklayers	5				4
Builders	22		1		3
Butchers	10	5		2	
Cab drivers	3	1			
Cabinet makers and Upholsterers	32	3	4		2
Caretakers	12				2
Carmen	6	1			4
Carpenters and Joiners	32	15	3	7	20
Carriers	7			1	
Carriage-builders	3				
Carvers and Gilders	8				
Cellarman				1	
Charwomen	2				
Chefs	2				

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	
Chemists	28				
Chimney Sweeps	4	1			
China riveter				1	
Chiropodists	2				
Cigarette manufacturer	1				
Civil Servants	5	2			
Clergymen	29	7			
Clerks	156	17	5	6	
Coal Merchants	3				
Coachmen and Footmen	6			1	
Commercial Travellers	8	1			
Confectioners	7	4			
Corset maker	1				
Costumiers	19	2	1		
Cycle Makers	7			2	
Dairy-keepers and Dairymen	9	4		1	
Dealers	5				
Dental mechanics	7				
Dentists	15	2			
Domestic Servants (Butlers, Cooks, Housekeepers, &c.)	166	44	18	10	2
Drapers and Assistants	80	2	4	3	
Draughtsmen	6				
Dressmakers	72	18	4	4	2
Dyers	2				
Electrical Engineers	10				
Electricians	18	5		1	
Elocutionists	3				
Engine Driver				1	
Engineers, Civil and Mechanical	17	1			
Engravers	2				
Errand and Office Boys	12	6		4	1
Fishmongers	6	3			
Florists and Nurserymen	15	2			
French Polishers	3				

Occupations of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	6	4			3
Furniture Dealers	7	1			
Gardeners	11	5	2		7
Gas Inspectors	7				
Grocers and Provision Merchants	28	4	1	1	9
Grooms and Stablemen	11				
Gymnasium Instructor		1			
Hairdressers	5	2	1	1	1
Hawkers	4				
Hosiers	6				1
Hotel and Restaurant Keepers	12				
Inland Revenue Officers	8				
Inspectors	4				
Insurance Agents	19	8			
Ironmongers	9	11	1		1
Jobmasters	6				
Journalists	21				
Justices of the Peace	2				
King's Counsel	2				
Labourers	5				15
Laundry-workers	9				10
Lay-readers	2				
Librarians and Assistants	12				
Licensed Victuallers	4				
Lodging-house Keepers	151	54			
Machinists	3				
Managers and Manageresses	23	6	2		2
Mantle and Gown Makers	3				
Market Gardeners	3				
Masons	3			1	
Masseurs	7		1		
Matrons	2				
Mechanics	7		2		3
Merchants	4				

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Metal Workers	2				1
Millers	2				
Milliners	35	6		1	4
Money Lender	1				
Motor Drivers	3				
Motor Mechanics	8				
Music Dealers	4				
Musicians, Composers, and Musical Students	35	3			2
Naval Officers	9	2			
Needleworkers	8				
Newsagents	4				
Nurses (Hospital and other)	37	18	4	1	1
Opticians	2				
Outfitters	9		1	1	2
Page Boys	4	1			
Painters and Decorators	18	5			4
Pawnbroker	1				
Photographers	22	4	1		2
Physicians and Surgeons	33		2		1
Pianoforte Tuners	7	2			
Picture Framers	3				
Plasterers	4				2
Plumbers	17	3	1		
Policemen	3				1
Porters	18	3		6	4
Portmanteau Makers	2				
Postmen	11	2	1	2	3
Post Office Clerks	19	10			
Poultry Dealer	1				
Printers & Compositors	30	3	1	3	2
Printers' Readers	3				1
Pupil Teachers	25	2			
Railway Employees	18				2
Rate Collectors	2				
Road Sweepers	2				
Seamen	4				
Sanitary Engineer	1				

Occupations of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Scalemaker	1				
Scholars	420	105	35	31	109
School Attendance Officer	1				
School Inspector	1				
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses & Teachers	124	29	6	4	18
Scientific Investigators and Naturalists	9				
Sculptor	1				
Secretaries	9	1			1
Shop Keepers (not specified)	41	6			
Shop Assistants (not specified)	261	26	8	16	20
Shorthand Writers and Typists	14			1	
Sign and Ticket Writers	7				1
Solicitors	30				
Stationers	3				
Stewards	3			1	
Storekeepers	2				
Students (Law, Medical and other)	99	2		2	2
Sugar Boiler				1	
Superintendents	3				
Surveyors	8				
Tailors and Cutters	31	8	2		3
Teachers of Music	16				
Teachers of Language	6				
Telegraph Messengers	8			1	2
Telephone Clerks	7	2			
Titled Persons	4				
Tobacconists	4	1		1	
Tram Drivers and Conductors	3				4
Umbrella Makers	2				
Undertakers	5				
Vergers			1	1	
Vocalists	3				2
Waiters and Waitresses	10	2			
Watchmakers and Jewellers	21	5	1		1
Wheelwrights		4			1
Window Cleaners	2				
Not stated (mostly Ratepayers and wives of Ratepayers)	2116	810	265	193	381
TOTAL ...	5344	1380	385	356	809
	8274				

Number of Ratepayers and Non-Ratepayers entered on the Borrowers' Register during 1907.

Ratepayers,	Central	1409
	Boscombe	430
	Westbourne	89
	Springbourne	123
	Winton	250
Non-Ratepayers,	Central	3935
	Boscombe	950
	Westbourne	296
	Springbourne	233
	Winton	559
		8274

Students' Extra Tickets for non-fiction issued during 1907.

Central Library	732
Branch Libraries	160
	892

List of Periodicals, &c.

Those marked thus (*) are presented.
Those marked thus (†) are transferred mid-weekly.

Dailies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Bournemouth Daily Echo	1	1	1		1
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Express		1			
Daily Graphic	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Mail	1	1	1		1
Daily News	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Telegraph ...	1	1		1	
Financial News... ...	1	1			
Globe	1				
Manchester Guardian ...	1				
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	1	1
Morning Post	1	1			
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1		1	
Standard	1	1	1	1	1
Star		1			
Times	1	1	1	1	
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1		1	

Semi-Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Guardian	1	1	1	1	1

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
†Academy and Literature	1	1			
*Alliance News	1				
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1	1
Amateur Photographer	1				
†Architect	1	1			
*Aspirant	1				
†Athenæum	1			1	
Athletic News			1	1	
Birmingh'm Weekly Post	1				
Black and White ...		1			
*Board of Trade Journal		1	1		
Bournemouth Graphic...	1	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Observer...	1	1	1	1	1
British Architect ...	1	1			
British Weekly	1	1			
†Broad Arrow	1	1			
Builder	1	1		1	1
†Building News ...	1	1	1		1
*Canada	1				
*Canadian Gazette ...			1		
Carpenter and Builder...		1			1
Catholic Times... ...	1	1			
*†Christian Commonwealth	1				1
Christian World ...	1	1			1
Christchurch Times ...		1			
†Church Guardian ...	1	1			
Church Times		1			
*Civil Service Candidate		1		1	
*Civil Service Gazette ...	1				
*Civil Service Competitor	1				
*Civil Service Hints ...	1				
*Civil Service Weekly ...		1			
*Co-Operative News ...	1	1	1		1
Cycling	1	1			
†Economist	1	1			
†Electrician	1	1			
†Engineering	1			1	1
English Mechanic ...		1	1		1
*Estates Gazette ...	1			1	
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1		1
Feathered World ...		1			
Field	1	1			
Gardening	1	1			
Gardeners' Chronicle ...	1				
Gentlewoman	1	1			
Graphic	1	1	1		1
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1			
Hampshire Independent	1				
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	1	1	1	1

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Illustrated London News	1	1	1	1	
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News		1			
Lady		1	1		1
Lady's Field		1			
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		1	
*Laundry Journal ...	1				
*L.G.O.		1			
*Middlesex County Times		1			
Municipal Journal ...	1	1	1		1
Musical News	1				
Nation	1	1			
†Nature	1			1	
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle	1				
†Outlook...	1	1			1
*Patent Office Official Journal	1				
Photography	1	1			
Pitman's Journal ...	1				
Punch	1	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	1			
*Railway News		1			
Scientific American ...	1	1			
Science Siftings ...	1	1		1	1
Sketch	1	1	1	1	
†Spectator	1	1		1	
Sphere	1	1	1	1	1
Tatler		1			
T.P.'s Weekly	1	1	1	1	1
Truth	1	1	1	1	1
Western Gazette ...		1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette (Weekly edition)			1		1
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1			

Bi-Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
*Certificate Examiner ...	1				
*University Correspondent	1				

Monthlies. [Those marked thus ‡ are transferred at end of month].	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
*Agricultural Economist	1	1			
‡Albany Review ...	1	1			
*Animal's Friend ...	1	1	1	1	
Architectural Review ...	1				
Art Journal	1				
*Baker and Confectioner		1			
Bookman	1				
Boy's Own Paper ...		1			
*Canadian Life and Resources	1		1		1
‡Captain	1				1
Cassell's Magazine ...		1	1	1	
‡Cassier's Magazine ...	1	1			
‡Century Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
‡Chambers' Journal ...	1	1			1
Chums	1				1
*Church Gazette... ...	1				
Connoisseur	1				
‡Contemporary Review ...	1	1			
English Illustrated Magazine		1			
‡Fortnightly Review ...	1	1			1
*Garden Cities	1				
Girl's Own Paper ...		1			
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
*Herald of Health ...	1				
*Herald of the Cross ...			1		
*Herald of the Golden Age			1		
Journal of Education ...	1				
Knowledge	1	1		1	
‡Lady's Realm	1	1			1
‡Literary World... ...	1	1		1	
London Magazine ...		1	1		1
*"Mercury" Magazine ...	1	1	1		
*Millgate Monthly ...	1				1
*Moravian Missison ...	1				
Musical Times	1				
*Navy League Journal ...	1	1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1			
*Nonconformist Musical Journal		1			
*Organist and Choirmaster	1				

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Monthlies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1			1
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Photographic Monthly...	1				
‡Railway Magazine ...	1				1
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1	1
Royal Magazine ...		1			
‡Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1			1
*State Correspondent ...	1				
*Strad	1				
Strand	1	1	1	1	1
Studio	1	1		1	
*Traveller's Gazette ...	1	1	1		1
*Troubadour	1	1			
*Tuberculosis	1				
Windsor Magazine ...	1	1			1
*Wings	1				1
Woman at Home ...	1	1			1
Woodworker	1	1	1	1	1
World's Work ...	1	1			1
*Zoophilist	1				
Bi-Monthlies.					
*Anti-Slavery Reporter...	1	1	1		
British Printer	1				
Quarterlies.					
Edinburgh Review ...	1				
Hibbert Journal ...	1				
*Journal of Balnæology and Climatology	1	1			
Quarterly Review ...	1				
*Verulam Review ...	1				
Directories.					
Advertiser's A.B.C. ...	1				

Directories.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
‡Army List	1	1			
Chambers's Directory ...	1				
Crockford's Clerical ...	1	1			
*Hampton's Scholastic ...					
Kelly's Bournemouth ...	1	1	1	1	1
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset	1	1			
Kelly's London P.O. ...	1	1			
Kelly's London Suburban	1				
London Directory ...	1	1	1	1	1
*Macdonald's English Directory	1				
Medical Directory ...	1	1			
‡Navy List	1	1			
*Practical Advertising ...	1	1			1
*Southern Counties ...	1				
*Stubbs' Manufactures and Professional	1	1			
Railway Time Tables.					
A.B.C.	1				
Bradshaw	1	1	1	1	
*Caledonian	1	1	1	1	
*Glasgow and South-Western	1	1	1	1	
*Great Central	1	1		1	1
*Great Eastern	1	1			
*Great Northern... ...	1	1	1	1	
*Great Western	1	1	1	1	
*Highland	1				
*London, Brighton and South Coast	1	1	1	1	
*London and North-Western	1	1	1	1	
*London and South-Western	1	1	1	1	1
*Midland...	1	1	1	1	1
*North British	1	1	1	1	

List of Donors, 1907-8.

Name of Donor.	No. of Volumes	Name of Donor.	No. of Volumes.
Abel & Insray, Messrs. ..	1	Hewitt, Miss	1
Agent-General for Australia	2	Innes, Miss	2
Agent-General for South Australia	1	Isle of Man, Advertising Board of	4
Anonymous	6	James, C. Esq.	1
Argentine Government ...	6	Larcier, Messrs.	2
Ball, Geo F., Esq. ...	1	Liddiard, J. E., Esq., F.R.G.S.	10
Bristol Merchant Venturers' College... ...	1	Magnard, Mdlle.	1
British Museum, Trustees of	11	Mather & Crowther, Ltd.	1
Bullens, Messrs. E. & B....	1	Milne, Rev. R. S., M A., B.C.L., F.S.A. ...	1
Chapman, E. J., Esq. ...	1	National Anti-Vivisection Society...	1
Colley, Miss	20	Pearce, Miss	20
Congo Reform Association	1	Pickford, William, Esq. ...	1
Crooke, Miss J.	Music.	Pratt, Edwin J. Esq. ...	1
Cripps, A. R., Esq. ...	1	Ransome, Arthur, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.	20
Curzon, Lord	1	Ross, Mrs. J., Grafton ...	70
Cutler, Joseph, Esq. ...	1	Scholastic Agency Co. ...	1
Dixon, Dr. J. R. L. ...	6	Schooling, J. Holt, Esq.	1
Faber, Mrs.	21	Skelton, H. J., Esq. ...	1
Field, A., Esq.	3	Smith, Weller, Esq. ...	1
Flint, J. H., Esq. ...	6	Swedenborgian Society ...	35
Frodsham, R. C., Esq. ...	2	University Tutorial Press	1
Fry, Mrs. H.	5	Ward, Mrs.	1
Galloway, Major-General, J.P.	13	Wiggin, W., Esq. ...	1
Griffiths, Harold, Esq. ...	1	Wise, Lloyd & Co. . .	1

Reports.

Reports, etc., have been received from the following Libraries :—

Aberdeen; Acton (Passmore Edwards); Ashton-under-Lyne; Ayr; Barrow-in-Furness; Battersea; Belfast; Birmingham; Blackburn; Bolton; Brighton; Bristol; Bromley (Kent); Bury; Buxton; Cambridge; Chicago (John Crerar); Colchester; Cork; Cripplegate Institution; Croydon; Derby; Dublin; Dundee; Ealing; Finsbury; Folkstone; Fulham; Glasgow (Baillie's Institute); Glasgow (Stirlings); Gloucester; Gosport and Alverstoke; Great Yarmouth; Hammersmith; Hartlepool; Hornsey; Hove; Hyde; Ipswich; Kensal Rise; Kettering; Kidderminster; Kilburn; Kingston-upon-Thames; Leeds; Leicester; Leyton; Lincoln; Liverpool; Manchester; Manchester (John Rylands); Middlesborough; Newcastle-under-Lyme; Newcastle-upon-Tyne; New York; Norwich; Nottingham; Oldham; Paisley; Plymouth; Portsmouth; Preston; Richmond; Rochdale; Runcorn; Shoreditch; Smethwick; Stockport; Tottenham; Tynemouth; Walsall; Walthamstow; Wandsworth; West Bromwich; Westminster; Wigan; Willesden; Wimbledon; Worcester; York.

Reports of miscellaneous Departments and Societies :—

Anti-Slavery Society; Australian Parliamentary Debates; Bournemouth Education Committee; Bournemouth Medical Officer of Health; British College of Physical Education; National Union of Teachers.

County Borough of Bournemouth.

SIXTEENTH

Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee.

1908-9.

Bournemouth:
Printed for the Committee.

TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,—

The Public Libraries Committee have the honour to submit their Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1909.

While substantial progress has been made towards the completion of the scheme for Branch Libraries throughout the Borough, it is a matter of deep regret to your Committee that nothing has been done in the direction of improving the Central Library. The necessity of providing a building equal to those in other great towns of the country cannot be too strongly enforced upon the attention of the Council. It is impossible under the existing conditions to provide every facility for the diffusion of knowledge, which, under wise administration, Public Libraries may give to a community. The overcrowded shelves in the lending Library, the difficulty of bringing students into close touch with the valuable works in the Reference department, the small newsroom, and the restricted space available for the staff to prepare books for public use, all appeal for immediate consideration. The Committee respectfully suggest that a site for the Central Library may possibly be secured adjoining the projected School of Science and Art at Lansdowne.

The Springbourne Branch Library, replacing the temporary premises in the Holdenhurst Road, was opened by his Worship the Mayor on the 27th of March, and there is every reason to believe will prove at least as successful as its prototype at Winton. The architects (Messrs. H. E. Hawker and Mitchell) and the builder (Mr. A. J. Long) carried out the work to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, and the Library is a distinct public im-

provement to the Malmesbury Park and Springbourne Wards. Your Committee also wish to record their cordial appreciation of the devoted labours of the Borough Librarian during the inaugural work connected with the Library.

At Boscombe, great difficulty was experienced in securing a site under the conditions of Mr. Carnegie's offer until November last, when some land was offered the Committee by Mr. J. T. Rayner for the erection of a Library in the main Christchurch Road. Public subscriptions were invited to purchase the site and within a few weeks the necessary £500 was collected. The Committee desire to convey their warmest thanks to the large number of donors to this fund. Bournemouth architects were invited to submit plans for the Library from which the Committee would select the design they considered most suitable, subject to the confirmation of your Council and Mr. Carnegie. This will be the most important Branch Library in the Borough, and the already extensive appreciation of the movement in the eastern wards cannot fail to be increased by the erection of a modern, well equipped building.

Westbourne offers peculiar difficulties in the way of completing the scheme of branches, though it is hoped these will not be permanently insuperable. On the whole, the Committee have reason to be gratified with the remarkable development of their work in so far as Branch Libraries are concerned, but it must constantly be borne in mind that the Central Library, including the Reference section for the whole Borough, is the most important factor in a complete system.

Summarising the details set out by the Librarian in subsequent pages, it will be seen that, while the cost to the ratepayers for all Library purposes (including buildings) cannot exceed the amount of a penny rate, there is a steady expansion of activity every year. The registered issues of books in 1908 amounted to no less than 272,546 vols., or 35,892 above the record of any previous year, and bring the aggregate since the Libraries were established to 2,587,137 vols. This does not include the books supplied through the School Libraries, for which your Committee are jointly responsible with the Education

Committee. The relative statistics of the different centres point very clearly to the need for larger premises at the Central and at Boscombe, and also show the immediate success of a suitable building—more books having been issued at the new Winton Library than at Springbourne and Westbourne added together. The various totals were :—Central Lending, 158,632 ; Reference Library, 15,930 ; Boscombe, 45,019 ; Springbourne, 9,875 ; Westbourne, 13,896 ; Winton, 29,194.

The number of borrowers has increased during the year from 8,274 to 8,644, and there are now 33,478 books in the Libraries. This is 3,040 over last year's stock, without reckoning 850 replacements of popular books which were worn out through constant use. The books are distributed as follows :—Central Lending, 19,357 ; Reference Library, 3,625 ; Boscombe, 3,659 ; Springbourne, 2,722 ; Westbourne, 2,251 ; Winton, 1,964.

These figures give some idea of the work performed by the Books Sub-Committee. The greatest care is exercised in obtaining the best authors on each particular subject, and in all branches of literature—especially for the Reference department. After careful deliberation the Committee resolved not to accept in future various gifts of papers and magazines. The list of Newspapers and Periodicals to be purchased for the reading rooms will be settled for the ensuing year in December, and any suggestions from readers, as in the case of new books, will be respectfully considered.

The Series of Quarterly Guides, dealing with all the books to be found on special subjects, has been continued and is both useful and popular. Recent additions deal with Bibliography, Literary History etc., Poetry and Drama, Fiction, and books printed in Foreign Languages.

Two changes occurred in membership of the Committee last November—Councillor Sheppard succeeding the late deeply lamented Alderman Parsons, and Mr. Walter Child Clark taking the place of Mr. George Galpin, whose retirement through ill-health deprived

the Committee of a respected colleague. The Library Staff deserve great credit for their services during the year under review and the increase in the work necessitated the appointment of two extra junior assistants.

C. J. WHITTING,

Chairman.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1909 (estimated) 75,000.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £611,515.
Public Libraries Acts adopted 11th March, 1893.
Committee first appointed 21st March, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, 7th June, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened 1st January, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established 10th January, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.
Winton Temporary Branch News Room opened 8th February, 1905.
Winton Library opened, 26th October, 1907.
Springbourne Library opened 27th March, 1909.

Committee.

Chairman: Mr. C. J. Whitting.

Vice-Chairman: *Mr. R. Y. Banks.

*Mr. G. E. Bridge (Mayor).
Mr. Walter C. Clark.
*Mr. H. V. M. Cotes.
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon.
*Mr. C. Frampton, J.P.
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D.
(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee).
Rev. E. J. Kennedy.
*Mr. W. Sheppard.
*Mr. T. Tame
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee).
Mr. J. A. Toone.

*Members of the Town Council.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: Charles Riddle.

Sub-Librarian: Hugh Stevenson.

Chief Assistant: Arthur Hawkes.

Senior Assistants:
Lewis Corner.
Alfred Sims.
George Fry.
Edgar Osborne.
Arthur Rainer.

Junior Assistants.
Kenneth Ryde.
Percy Bennett.
Henry Cockburn.

Chief Caretaker: Edward Jones.

Caretaker Springbourne Branch: R. Donovan.

Caretaker Winton Branch: J. Stevens.

Attendances of Committee for year ending 31st March, 1909.

	Public Library.	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Special Sub-Committees.	Total of Attendances.
Number of Meetings.	16	11	11	3	41
Mr. C. J. Whitting, *Chairman* ...	16	11	11	3	41
Ald. R. Y. Banks, *Vice-Chairman* ...	10	8	8	2	28
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D., *Chairman Books Sub Committee*	9	8	—	—	17
Cr. G. E. Bridge (Mayor)	3	—	—	—	3
Mr. Walter C. Clark, *Appointed 9th November, 1908*	4	2	—	1	7
Cr. H. V. M. Cotes	6	—	4	—	10
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon	9	7	—	—	16
Ald. C. Frampton, J.P.	13	—	10	—	23
Rev. E. J. Kennedy, M.A.	1	3	—	—	4
Cr. W. Sheppard, *Appointed 9th November, 1908*	7	—	3	—	10
Cr. T. Tame	14	—	10	1	25
Mr. J. A. Toone	16	11	—	—	27
Mr. G. Galpin, *Resigned 9th November, 1908*	1	1	—	—	2

Comparative Annual Issues.

	1908	1907	Increase	Decrease
Central Lending Library ...	158,632	154,745	3,887	
Central Reference Library	15,930	15,852	78	
Boscombe Branch Library	45,019	40,238	4,781	
Westbourne Branch Library	13,896	11,633	2,263	
Springbourne Branch Library	9,875	10,100	—	225
Winton Branch Library ...	29,194	4,086	25,108	
	272,546	236,654	36,117	225

Total increase 35,892

Number and Classification of Books in all Departments.

Name of Library.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose, Fiction, and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works	Total.
Central Lending ...	826	1341	2522	679	1264	1056	757	366	627	8526	1293	19257
Central Reference ...	292	359	433	190	645	379	249	129	210	96	643	3625
Boscombe Branch ...	103	238	444	96	192	138	108	46	81	2088	125	3659
Westbourne do. ...	45	141	241	39	140	47	60	22	51	1396	69	2251
Springbourne do. ...	42	207	351	89	179	59	172	45	43	1437	98	2722
Winton do. ...	37	94	151	38	128	44	98	28	30	1240	76	1964
Total ...	1345	2380	4142	1131	2548	1723	1444	636	1042	14783	2304	33478

Number and Classification of Books added. April 1st, 1908, to March 31st, 1909.

Central Lending ...	23	91	115	60	34	58	38	29	33	407	34	922
Central Reference ...	33	13	31	5	39	9	9	3	14	5	10	171
Boscombe Branch ...	6	6	15	10	12	5	4	2	1	107	3	171
Westbourne do. ...	10	10	16	6	4	1	2	4	11	98	9	171
Springbourne do. ...	15	131	196	64	101	30	116	31	18	407	46	1155
Winton do. ...	6	15	25	5	20	6	12	3	—	355	3	450
Total	93	266	398	150	210	109	181	72	77	1379	105	3040

Table of Issues from all Departments. January 1st to December 31st, 1908.

Month.	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works	Total.
January	312	955	1023	294	558	576	460	225	385	18994	945	24727
February	330	999	1159	239	605	688	516	356	559	18768	1003	25222
March	359	935	1145	268	566	676	472	364	657	18137	917	24496
April	292	818	1016	229	590	632	391	268	379	16915	817	22347
May	252	808	884	260	559	623	348	329	407	16930	757	22148
June	195	751	743	179	448	586	293	268	381	15232	696	19772
July	231	772	744	189	511	614	309	277	178	15802	679	20306
August	201	736	756	161	413	507	332	172	249	15221	681	19429
September	258	860	950	235	560	659	379	240	338	17123	680	22282
October	275	877	1070	243	486	778	429	303	340	18965	814	24580
November	296	949	1166	235	507	720	452	331	384	18321	817	24178
December	260	846	1070	232	482	656	347	307	319	17769	771	23059
Total	3261	10306	11726	2764	6285	7715	4728	3431	4576	208177	9577	272546

Table of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1908.

Month.	Days Open	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works	Total.	Daily Average.
January	27	39	255	132	111	39	75	82	96	124	5	276	1234	45
February...	25	65	240	234	45	103	154	156	232	250	9	364	1852	74
March	26	47	196	162	59	53	88	121	222	334	26	340	1648	63
April	24	33	200	164	36	88	96	86	118	124	20	256	1221	50
May	26	40	279	150	72	93	122	55	198	218	15	249	1491	57
June	25	30	206	102	42	77	108	57	162	140	9	192	1125	45
July	27	27	219	141	42	103	139	85	162	28	2	223	1171	43
August	25	23	243	98	30	112	116	74	98	120	5	184	1103	44
September	26	48	287	174	68	137	106	88	117	133	19	182	1359	52
October	27	37	190	188	49	50	141	88	137	81	7	242	1210	44
November	25	25	222	166	143	80	154	135	71	122	16	212	1346	53
December	25	19	185	170	61	88	114	77	141	88	6	221	1170	46
Total ...	308	433	2722	1881	758	1023	1413	1104	1754	1762	139	2941	15930	51

Table of Issues from the Central Lending Library, 1908.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	27	222	408	616	148	359	402	242	115	184	10869	512	14077	521
February	25	221	471	648	150	376	438	249	110	256	10950	508	14377	575
March	26	263	489	699	182	377	500	232	116	264	10646	468	14236	547
April	24	208	429	584	173	354	456	194	133	207	9891	429	13058	544
May	26	165	347	515	162	324	417	206	105	145	10037	397	12820	493
June	25	136	382	432	114	257	414	173	87	196	8987	408	11586	463
July	27	169	360	414	125	289	408	164	95	125	9370	392	11911	441
August...	25	133	330	460	108	225	336	187	59	111	9041	424	11414	456
September	26	164	398	562	133	317	497	191	98	169	10147	403	13079	503
October	27	197	470	628	165	311	574	232	143	210	11124	450	14504	537
November	25	219	492	700	162	293	491	210	126	213	10874	477	14257	570
December	25	193	413	635	141	228	458	174	136	179	10322	434	13313	532
Total	308	2290	4989	6893	1763	3710	5391	2454	1323	2259	122258	5302	158632	515

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Lending Library, 1908.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average
January	14	13	135	130	23	63	81	29	6	45	3944	67	4536	324
February	12	9	114	120	21	41	73	37	4	28	3429	52	3928	327
March	13	13	125	116	12	57	60	36	9	28	3589	53	4098	315
April	12	18	92	117	6	62	63	46	3	24	3191	60	3682	306
May	13	16	86	95	11	55	68	32	5	21	3185	50	3624	278
June	13	9	71	101	10	42	50	31	8	28	3119	39	3508	269
July	14	18	74	88	8	44	47	25	10	11	3093	22	3440	245
August	12	17	56	86	9	26	47	31	6	8	2575	37	2898	241
September	13	10	69	100	17	41	37	38	8	17	3211	49	3597	276
October	14	16	87	121	15	53	41	42	9	21	3569	60	4034	288
November	12	15	63	128	16	52	50	37	15	13	3278	41	3708	309
December	13	21	98	115	10	54	66	34	7	30	3502	29	3966	305
Total ...	155	175	1070	1317	158	590	683	418	90	274	39685	559	45019	290

Table of Issues from the Westbourne Branch Lending Library, 1908.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	13	36	53	6	31	—	9	3	7	1174	18	1350	103
February	13	13	40	49	6	21	10	5	5	8	1172	15	1344	103
March	13	18	27	57	9	21	8	8	9	16	1158	15	1346	103
April	12	7	17	52	3	21	3	5	6	5	996	19	1134	94
May	13	12	23	34	8	24	2	4	3	5	915	15	1045	80
June	12	7	19	34	10	18	4	3	3	3	878	13	992	82
July	13	6	20	31	7	19	2	3	5	2	900	10	1005	77
August	13	13	18	34	5	17	—	1	4	1	965	8	1066	82
September	12	12	16	44	10	16	2	2	14	6	887	12	1021	85
October	14	10	29	44	5	14	5	13	6	6	1070	21	1223	87
November	13	14	50	69	8	18	2	8	10	20	1038	34	1271	97
December...	12	9	30	52	8	19	4	3	10	7	929	28	1099	91
Total ...	153	134	325	553	85	239	42	64	78	86	12082	208	13896	90

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Lending Library, 1908.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	9	2	22	19	1	8	1	9	1	3	787	8	861	95
February...	9	1	28	24	2	10	2	7	1	2	861	10	948	105
March	8	3	15	21	1	10	6	11	—	3	753	3	826	103
April	9	5	13	12	—	13	2	9	1	3	737	8	803	89
May	9	4	11	25	—	15	3	6	1	3	758	4	830	92
June	8	—	12	14	1	6	—	5	—	1	582	4	625	78
July	9	—	21	9	2	5	1	5	1	4	614	7	669	74
August	9	2	12	12	2	5	—	9	2	—	717	1	762	84
September	9	5	15	8	—	10	2	7	—	1	776	3	827	91
October	9	2	16	10	—	6	2	4	2	5	927	6	980	108
November	8	4	19	23	—	7	4	6	—	2	812	14	891	111
December	8	4	23	16	—	6	—	10	—	2	788	4	853	106
Total ...	104	32	207	193	9	101	23	88	9	29	9112	72	9875	95

Table of Issues from the Winton Branch Lending Library, 1908.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	9	23	99	73	5	58	17	89	4	22	2215	64	2669	296
February	9	21	106	84	15	54	11	62	4	15	2347	54	2773	308
March	8	15	83	90	5	48	14	64	8	12	1965	38	2342	292
April	9	21	67	87	11	52	12	51	7	16	2080	45	2449	272
May	9	15	62	65	7	48	11	45	8	15	2020	42	2338	259
June	8	13	61	60	2	48	10	24	8	13	1657	40	1936	242
July	9	11	78	61	5	51	17	27	4	8	1823	25	2110	234
August	9	13	77	66	7	28	8	30	3	9	1918	27	2186	242
September	9	19	75	62	7	39	15	53	3	12	2083	31	2399	266
October	9	13	85	79	9	52	15	50	6	17	2268	35	2629	292
November	13	19	103	80	6	57	19	56	9	14	2303	39	2705	208
December	12	14	97	82	12	87	14	49	13	13	2222	55	2658	221
Total ...	113	197	993	889	91	622	163	600	77	166	24901	495	26194	261

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1908.

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Accountants	16	1			
Agents and Canvassers	17	4		2	1
Apprentices	13	6		1	4
Architects	21	2			1
Army Officers	18	2	1		
Art Dealers	3	3			
Artists & Art Students	18	8			
Artisans (not specified)	118	43	1	21	35
Auctioneers, House and Estate Agents	22	3	1		2
Authors	5				
Bakers	16	4		1	8
Bank Officials	12	3		1	2
Barmen and Barmaids	9	1		1	
Barristers	3				
Bath Chair Proprietor	1				
Billiard Markers	2	1			
Blacksmiths	1			1	2
Blind-makers	2				
Bookbinders	2	2			
Book-keepers and Cashiers	46	9	3		2
Booksellers	4				
Boot-dealers	15	2			1
Bootmakers	15	2		3	2
Bricklayers	3			1	6
Builders	16	2		2	4
Builders' Merchant	1				
Butchers	8	4			5
Cab drivers	2	1			
Cabinet makers and Upholsterers	33	5		2	5
Caretakers	7	1	2		3
Carmen and Carriers	16	1			6
Carpenters and Joiners	31			4	18
Carriage-builders	4				
Carvers and Gilders	2		1		
Charwomen	2				
Chauffeurs	2				
Chefs	2				

	Branch.			
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.
Chemists	27	4	2	
Chimney Sweeps	2	1		
Chiropodists	1		1	
Civil Servants	6	2		
Clergymen and Pastors	32	9	3	
Clerks	163	27	13	3
Coal Merchants	3	1		
Coachmen and Footmen	7	1	1	
Collectors	6			
Commercial Travellers	7	2		
Confectioners	6	3	3	
Corset maker	1			
Costumiers	16	3	11	
Cycle Makers	4	1		1
Dairy-keepers and Dairymen	8	3		
Dealers	6	1		
Dental mechanics	10	1		
Dentists	12	2		
Domestic Servants (Butlers, Cooks, Housekeepers, &c.)	144	41	23	4
Drapers and Assistants	78	10	9	3
Draughtsmen	2			
Dressmakers	74	15		4
Drill Sergeant	1			
Dyers	2			
Electrical Engineers	11	2		
Electricians	22	5		2
Elocutionists	4			
Engine Driver	1			
Engineers, Civil and Mechanical	10	2		
Engravers	4	1		1
Entertainer	1			
Errand and Office Boys	11	5		2
Farmers				
Fishmongers	5	2		
Florists & Nurserymen	15	3		
French Polishers	2			

Occupations of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
uiterers and Greengrocers	10	5	2		1
rniture Dealers	5	2		1	
rdeners	13	5	2	2	7
s Inspectors	2				
ass-worker	1				
lf Caddies					3
vernesses	3				
ocers and Provision Merchants	14	4		1	10
ooms and Stablemen	10	1			1
mnasium Instructor		1			
irdressers	9	3		1	1
arness makers	1	1			1
awkers	2				
orse dealer				1	
osiers	5				
otel and Restaurant Keepers	9				
land Revenue Officers	5		1		
spectors	3	1		1	2
surance Agents	13	6	1		3
onmongers	9	11	1		2
bmasters	4				
urnalists	20				2
stices of the Peace	5				
ing's Counsel	2				
abourers	2				14
aundry-workers	7	2			7
aw Stationer	1				
ay-readers	2	1			
ibrarians and Assistants	15				
icensed Victuallers	3				
odging-house Keepers	157	49			
achinists	2				
anagers and Manageresses	16	8	3		3
antle and Gown Makers	2				

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Market Gardeners	3				
Masons	3				
Masseurs & Masseuses	8	1	1		
Matrons	4		1		
Mechanics	6	1			
Merchants	3				
Metal Workers	2				
Miller	1				
Milliners	32		3	3	2
Money Lender	1				
Motor Mechanics	4	2			
Music Dealers	3				
Musicians, Composers, and Musical Students	32	5	5	1	3
Naval Officers	8	2			
Needleworkers	6				
Newsagents	6				
Nurses (Hospital and other)	43	16	3	3	2
Opticians	3	1			
Outfitters	7		1	2	3
Page Boys	3	1			
Painters and Decorators	21	6	1	2	14
Pensioners	4				
Photographers	18	2			1
Phrenologist	1				
Physicians and Surgeons	29	2	3		
Pianoforte Tuners	8	2			
Picture Framers	6		1		
Plasterers	3				4
Pleasure boat Proprietor	1				
Plumbers	13	3	1		12
Policemen	3			2	1
Porters	17	4		2	2
Postmen	9	2	1	1	
Post Office Clerks	19	8	1	1	5
Poultry Dealers	2				
Printers & Compositors	31	3		2	6
Printers' Readers	5				

Occupations of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Pupil Teachers	24	2	2	1	5
Railway Employees	11			1	
Rate Collectors	2				
Road Sweeper				1	
Sand Modeller				1	
Scholars	377	97	39	23	151
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses & Teachers	121	31	9	3	29
Science Masters	3				
Scientific Investigators and Naturalists	7				
Sculptors	1	1			
Seamen	3				
Secretaries	9	2			1
Shop Assistants (not specified)	257	38	16	7	19
Shop Keepers (not specified)	46	8		1	5
Shorthand Writers and Typists	12	2		1	
Sign and Ticket Writers	6	1			1
Slater	1				
Solicitors	27				
Stationers	3				
Stewards	3	1			
Storekeepers	2				
Students (Law, Medical and other)	103	13	3		
Sugar Boilers	3				

	Branch.			
	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.
Superintendents	3			
Surveyors & Assistants	8	1		
Tailors and Cutters	29	6	2	
Teachers of Music	14	2		
Teachers of Language	5			
Telegraph Messengers	8	1		
Telephone Clerks	5	2		
Tinkers				
Titled Persons	4			
Tobacconists	5	1		
Town Crier	1			
Tram Drivers and Conductors	4			1
Trunk Makers	2			
Umbrella Makers	2			
Undertakers	3		1	1
Vergers	1			
Vocalists	5			
Waiters and Waitresses	9	3		1
Watchm'kers & Jew'llers	22	4	2	1
Wheelwrights		4		
Window Cleaners	2			
Not stated (mostly Ratepayers and wives of Ratepayers)	2147	938	215	165
TOTAL ...	5244	1578	404	356
		8616		

Number of Ratepayers and Non-Ratepayers on the Borrowers' Register.

	1908.	1907.	Increase or Decrease.
Ratepayers—			
Central	1387	1409	— 22
Boscombe ...	475	430	+ 45
Springbourne ...	116	123	— 7
Westbourne ...	99	89	+ 10
Winton ...	313	250	+ 63
Non-Ratepayers—			
Central ...	3895	3935	— 40
Boscombe ...	1103	950	+ 153
Springbourne ...	240	233	+ 7
Westbourne ...	305	296	+ 9
Winton ...	721	559	+ 162
Totals	8644	8274	+ 380

Students' Extra Tickets issued for Non-Fiction.

	1908.	1907.	Increase.
Central Library ...	820	732	88
Branch Libraries ...	186	160	26
Totals	1006	892	114

List of Periodicals, &c.

Dailies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Bournemouth Daily Echo	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Graphic	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Mail	1	1		1	1
Daily News	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Telegraph ...	1	1	1	1	1
Financial News... ...	1	1			
Globe	1	1			
Manchester Guardian ...	1	1			
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	1	1
Morning Post	1	1			
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1	1		
Standard	1	1	1	1	1
Times	1	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1	1		
Semi-Weeklies.					
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Guardian	1	1	1	1	1
Weeklies.					
Those marked thus (*) are transferred mid-weekly.					
Those marked (†) are transferred at end of week.					
Academy and Literature	1	*1			
Alliance News	1				
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1	
Amateur Photographer	1				
Architect	1	*1			
Athenæum	1	*1			
Birmingh'm Weekly Post	1				
Black and White ...		1			
Board of Trade Journal	1				
Bournemouth Graphic...	1	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Observer...	1	1	1	1	1
British Architect ...	1	1			

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
British Weekly	1	1			
Broad Arrow	1	1			
Builder	1	1	1		
Building News ...	1	1		1	†
Canada	1			†1	
Carpenter and Builder...		1			
Catholic Times... ...	1	1			
Christchurch Times ...		1			
Christian Commonwealth	1				
Christian World ...	1	1			
Church Times	1	1			
Civil Service Gazette ...	1				
Cycling	1	1			
Economist	1	*1			
Electrician	1	†1			
Engineering	1				†
English Mechanic ...		1		1	
Estates Gazette ...	1				
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1	
Feathered World ...		1			
Field	1	1	†1	†1	
Gardeners' Chronicle ...	1	*1			
Gardening	1	1			
Gentlewoman	1	1			
Graphic	1	1		1	1
Guardian	1	1			
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1			
Hampshire Independent	1				
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	1	1	1	1
Illustrated London News	1	1	1	1	1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News		1			
Lady	1	1		1	1
Lady's Field		1			
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1	1		
Municipal Journal ...	1	1		1	1
Musical News	1				

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Nation	1	1			
Nature	1	*1			
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle	1				
Outlook	1	1		†1	†1
Patent Office Official Journal	1				
Photography	1	1			
Pitman's Journal ...	1				
Punch	1	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	1			
Sketch	1	1	1	1	
Spectator	1	1	*1		
Sphere	1	1	1	1	1
Tatler		1			
T.P.'s Weekly	1	1	1	1	1
Truth	1	1	1	1	1
Western Gazette ...	1	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette (Saturday edition)				1	1
Woodworker	1	1	1	1	1
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1			
Bi-Weeklies.					
UniversityCorrespondent	1				
Monthlies.					
[Those marked thus ‡ are transferred at end of month].					
Agricultural Economist	1	1			
Architectural Review ...	1	‡1			
Art Journal	1				
Bookman	1	‡1			
Boy's Own Paper ...		1		1	
Captain	1				‡1

Monthlies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Cassell's Magazine ...		1	1	1	‡1
Cassier's Magazine ...	1	‡1			
Century Magazine ...	1	1		‡1	‡1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1		‡1	‡1
Chums	1				1
Connoisseur	1				
Contemporary Review ...	1	1			
English Illustrated Magazine		1		‡1	
Fortnightly Review ...	1	1		‡1	‡1
Girl's Own Paper ...		1			
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1		1	1
Journal of Education ...	1	‡1			
Knowledge	1	1	1		
Lady's Realm	1	1		‡1	‡1
Literary World... ...	1	1	1		
London Magazine ...		1		1	1
Musical Times	1	‡1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1		‡1	‡1
Organist and Choirmaster	1				
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1	1		1
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Photographic Monthly...	1	‡1			
Railway Magazine ...	1				‡1
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1	1
Royal Magazine ...		1			
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1		‡1	‡1
Strad	1				
Strand Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Studio	1	1	1		
Windsor Magazine ...	1	1	1		1
Woman at Home ...	1	1			1
World's Work ...	1	1		‡1	1
Bi-Monthlies.					
British Printer	1				
Quarterlies.					
Edinburgh Review ...	1				
Hibbert Journal ...	1				
Quarterly Review ...	1				

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Directories.	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.	Winton.
Advertiser's A.B.C. ...	1				
Army List	1	‡1			
Chambers's Directory ...	1				
Crane's London and Provincial Directory	1				
Hampton's Scholastic ...	1				
Kelly's Bournemouth ...	1	1	1	1	1
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset	1	1			
Kelly's London P.O. ...	1	1			
London Directory ...	1	1	1	1	1
Macdonald's English ...	1				
Navy List	1	‡1			
Nisbet's Medical ...	1		1		
Practical Advertising ...	1				
Southern Counties ...	1				
Stubbs' Manufactures and Professional	1	1			
Thoms' Directory of the Manufacturers and Shippers of Ireland ...	1				

Railway Time Tables.	Central.	Boscombe.	Westbourne.	Springbourne.
A.B.C.	1			
Bournemouth A.B.C. ...	1			
Bradshaw	1	1	1	1
Caledonian	1	1	1	1
Glasgow and South-Western	1		1	1
Great Central	1		1	
Great Eastern	1	1		
Great Northern... ...	1	1	1	1
Highland	1			
London, Brighton and South Coast	1	1	1	1
London and North-Western	1	1	1	1
London and South-Western	1	1	1	1
Midland...	1	1	1	1
North British	1		1	1

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Woodward, J.F.H., Esq.	2

Reports.

Reports were received from the following Public Libraries:—

Aberdeen; Acton; Ashton-under-Lyne; Barrow-in-Furness; Battersea; Birmingham; Blackburn; Bolton; Brighton; Bristol; Bromley (Kent); Bury; Cambridge; Chicago (John Crerar); Colchester; Cork; Cripplegate Foundation; Croydon; Derby; Dublin; Ealing; Eccles; Finsbury; Folkestone; Glasgow (Stirling's); Great Yarmouth; Hammersmith; Hartlepool; Hornsey; Hove; Hyde, Ipswich; Kettering; Kilburn; Kidderminster; Kingston-upon-Thames; Leeds; Leicester; Lincoln; Liverpool; Middlesbrough; Newcastle-under-Lyme; Newcastle-upon-Tyne; New York; Oldbury; Paisley; Plymouth; Preston; Richmond (Surrey); Rochdale; Runcorn; Shoreditch; Smethwick; Tottenham; Tynemouth; Walthamstow; Wandsworth; West Bromwich; Westminster; Wigan; Willesden Green; Wimbledon; Worcester; York.

Rsports of miscellaneous Departments and Societies:—

Australia: Parliamentary Debates; Bournemouth Borough Accountant (3 copies); Bournemouth Education Committee (3 copies); Bournemouth Medical Officer of Health (3 copies); Barnardo's Homes; Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; Bristol College of Physical Education; Central Association of Accountants; Central Emigration Board; List of Official Chemical Appointments; National Union of Teachers; Nova Scotia: Secretary of Industries and Immigration; Queensland: Board of Agriculture; Smithsonian Institution; Surgical Aid Society.

County Borough of Bournemouth

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Annual Report

OF THE

Public Libraries Committee

1909-10.

BOURNEMOUTH :
Printed for the Committee.

TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

GENTLEMEN,—

The Public Libraries Committee have the honour to submit their Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1910.

Although not strictly coming within the year under review, mention must be made of the turn of events which has taken place during the past few weeks owing to the joint action of the Education and Libraries Committees. If carried out on the lines suggested and unanimously agreed to by the Corporation, a very great impetus will be given to activities and general usefulness of this branch of the Council's administration. Your Committee ventured to suggest in their last report that a suitable site for a new Central Library might be found on the available ground at "Peachley," a forecast which is now happily within reach of fulfilment. With the new branch libraries springing up around us, due to the munificent gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, it was clear that some effort would have to be made to bring the Central Library into line with these convenient and useful buildings, and the opportunity of acquiring a new library on a new site, rather than enlarging the present structure, was one not to be lost without some determined effort. Your Committee wish to express their gratitude and appreciation for the promised help and assistance they have received both from the Education Committee and the Council in their endeavour to bring about this desirable end.

The opening of the Branch Library at Springbourne by his Worship the Mayor (Councillor G. E. Bridge, J.P.), on March 27th, 1909, has been followed by a measure of success corresponding with that which followed the opening of the Winton Branch, and the two centres are greatly used and appreciated by the inhabitants of these districts.

The difficulties attending the administration of the work at Boscombe will shortly be removed by the completion of the handsome and commodious building now in course of erection, which it has been arranged to open on the 22nd of June next. Twelve architects of the Borough submitted designs for the Committee's inspection, and the one chosen was by Mr. C. T. Miles, F.R.I.B.A., who is carrying out the work. Several tenders were received for the erection of the building, and the successful contractor was Mr. F. A. Grigg. The opening of this, the largest and most important Branch Library in the Borough, is eagerly looked forward to by the readers of Boscombe, and they may be congratulated on having in their midst what will be at once both a pleasing architectural feature and a useful centre of learning.

The utilisation of the remaining £2,000 of Mr. Carnegie's generous offer for the erection of a Branch Library at Westbourne still remains a difficult problem owing to the scarcity of available sites, but your Committee hope that even this difficulty may eventually be overcome.

It will be seen by the details given at the end of of this report what great things can be done with a penny rate. In all departments a steady progress has been maintained, as shown in the following summary: The issues for the year have reached 299,333, as against 272,546 in the previous year, an advance of 26,787, bringing the total issue from the opening of the Libraries to date up to 2,886,470. The totals for the various branches are :—Boscombe 51,540, Westbourne 13,690,

Springbourne 26,628, and Winton 36,265. Of these Springbourne and Winton show the largest increases, viz. : 12,732 and 7,071 respectively. The Central Library does not show quite the same progress, owing, probably, to the greater facilities at the branches, the Lending Library issues being 157,018, and the Reference Library 14,192. Following the experience at Winton and Springbourne it may be confidently anticipated that on the erection of the new Central Library these figures will be largely augmented.

The total number of borrowers on the books is 9,417, an increase of 763. The number of volumes in the various libraries is 35,687, the number added during the year having been 2209. The worn out books replaced amounted to 418. The distribution of the books is as follows :—Central Library 20,687, Reference 3,773, Boscombe 3,888 ; Springbourne 2,363, Westbourne 2979, Winton 2,414. Provision has been made for opening the new Boscombe Library with 6,000 volumes, thus giving it its relative importance.

The decision of the Committee not to accept gifts of papers or magazines is working admirably. This plan may confidently be recommended to the authorities of other libraries for adoption. Suggestions, however, as to newspapers and periodicals for the reading rooms are, as in the case of books, carefully considered by the Committee.

Some changes in the constitution of the Committee have taken place during the year, the Rev. E. J. Kennedy and Councillor H. V. M. Cotes retired, Alderman Mate and Mr. A. J. Abbott taking their places, both of whom were formerly members of the Committee.

The retirement from the Chairmanship of Mr. C. J. Whitting after holding that office for ten years was regretted by all, but as it was his expressed wish that he might be relieved of some of his public duties your Committee felt that they could not do other than accept his resignation. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr.

Whitting for his splendid services in the past, coupled with an expression of pleasure that as a member of the Committee his valuable help and experience would be retained.

The Librarian attended the Annual Conference at Sheffield, being his sixteenth consecutive attendance as a delegate of the Committee, and brought home a valuable report of the proceedings.

A new scale of salaries was adopted to take effect from the new financial year, more in accordance with the salaries paid in other Public Libraries of similar size and importance. The increasing work has only necessitated the appointment of one extra junior assistant.

It is gratifying to find that members of the staff who have gained all their experience in our Library here have been successful in gaining good positions in important centres in the country. Mr. A. J. Hawkes secured the appointment of senior assistant at Leeds, Mr. A. Sims is now Librarian of the Literary and Scientific Society at Bedford, and Mr. A. J. Rainer left to go to Canada.

Your Committee wish to express their appreciation of the faithful and willing services of the Chief Librarian and the whole of his staff.

R. Y. BANKS,

Chairman.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1910 (estimated) 80,000.
Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.
Rateable Value of Borough, £650,000.
Public Libraries Acts adopted 11th March, 1893.
Committee first appointed 21st March, 1893.
First Librarian appointed, 7th June, 1894.
Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room, opened 1st January, 1895.
Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.
Travelling Library established 10th January, 1898.
Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.
Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.
Winton Temporary Branch News Room opened 8th February, 1905.
Winton Library opened, 26th October, 1907.
Springbourne Library opened 27th March, 1909.

Committee.

Chairman: Ald. R. Y. Banks.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. A. Toone.

Mr. A. J. Abbott.
Cr. G. E. Bridge, J.P. (Mayor).
Mr. Walter C. Clark.
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon.
Ald. C. Frampton, J.P.
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D.
(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee).

Ald. C. H. Mate.
Cr. W. Sheppard.
Cr. T. Tame
(Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee).
Mr. C. J. Whitting.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: Charles Riddle.

Sub-Librarian: Hugh Stevenson.

Senior Assistants:

Lewis G. Corner.
George Fry.
Edgar Osborne.
Kenneth Ryde.

Junior Assistants:

Percy Bennett.
Henry Cockburn.
Leonard Pullen.
Ernest H. Perrett.
Ernest Roberts.
Archibald Gritten.
Edgar Elliott.

Caretaker Central: E. Wilson.

Caretaker Boscombe Branch: Edward Jones.

Caretaker Springbourne Branch: J. Stevens.

Caretaker Winton Branch: J. Radcliffe.

Attendances of Committee for year ending 31st March, 1910.

	Public Libraries	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Special Sub-Committees.	Total of Attendances.
Number of Meetings.	16	10	11	1	38
Ald. R. Y. Banks, *Chairman*	14	7	7	1	29
Mr. J. A. Toone, *Vice-Chairman* ...	13	10	—	1	24
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D. ...	2	2	—	—	4
Mr. A. J. Abbott, J.P., *Appointed 9th November, 1909*	2	—	2	—	4
Cr. G. E. Bridge (Mayor)	4	1	—	—	5
Mr. Walter C. Clark	4	—	—	—	4
Cr. H. V. M. Cotes, *Resigned January, 1910*	4	—	2	—	6
Dr. J. R. L. Dixon	10	6	—	—	16
Ald. C. Frampton, J.P.	10	—	7	—	17
Rev. E. J. Kennedy, *Resigned 9th November, 1909*	1	1	—	—	2
Ald. C. H. Mate, J.P., *Appointed January, 1910*	1	—	—	—	1
Cr. W. Sheppard	15	—	10	—	25
Cr. T. Tame	16	—	11	—	37
Mr. C. J. Whitting, ...	14	8	3	—	25

Comparative Annual Issues.

	1909	1908	Increase	Decrease
Central Lending Library ...	157,018	158,632	—	1,614
Central Reference Library	14,192	15,930	—	1,738
Boscombe Branch Library	51,540	45,019	6,521	—
Westbourne Branch Library	13,690	13,896	—	206
Springbourne Branch Library	26,628	9,875	16,753	—
Winton Branch Library ...	36,265	29,194	7,071	—
	299,333	272,546	30,345	3,558

Total increase 26,787

Number and Classification of Books in all Departments.

Name of Library.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose, Fiction, and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.
Central Lending ...	881	1434	2644	735	1304	1112	809	392	650	8939	1370	20270
Central Reference ...	303	375	467	196	676	403	258	131	216	100	648	3773
Boscombe Branch ...	108	261	464	103	205	138	115	47	86	2216	145	3888
Westbourne do. ...	46	160	261	40	140	48	61	22	52	1460	73	2363
Springbourne do. ...	43	215	366	91	201	62	179	48	47	1614	113	2979
Winton do. ...	42	124	170	44	152	61	126	36	54	1499	106	2414
Total ...	1423	2569	4372	1209	2678	1824	1548	676	1105	15828	2455	35687

Number and Classification of Books added. April 1st, 1909, to March 31st, 1910.

Central Lending ...	55	93	122	56	40	56	52	26	23	413	77	1013
Central Reference ...	11	16	34	6	31	24	9	2	6	4	5	148
Boscombe Branch ...	5	23	20	7	13	—	7	1	5	128	20	229
Westbourne do. ...	1	19	20	1	—	1	1	—	1	64	4	112
Springbourne do. ...	1	8	15	2	22	3	7	3	4	177	15	257
Winton do. ...	5	30	19	6	24	17	28	8	24	259	30	450
Total	78	189	230	78	130	101	104	40	63	1045	151	2209

Table of Issues from all Departments. January 1st to December 31st, 1909.

Month.	A Religion and Philosophy	B Topography and Travel	C History and Biography	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences	F Fine and Recreative Arts	G Useful Arts	H Language and Literature	J Poetry and Drama	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works	Total.
January	370	999	1105	245	588	722	445	327	374	20579	768	26522
February	347	1025	1134	250	592	689	486	308	325	18282	833	24271
March	358	1121	1305	285	597	684	513	358	360	20677	945	27203
April	303	979	1125	200	551	602	433	246	351	19961	745	25496
May	325	995	965	225	589	526	472	394	307	19172	704	24584
June	228	878	909	174	453	481	425	237	298	18389	693	23165
July	309	923	944	185	532	544	401	187	310	18975	773	24083
August	250	921	812	140	445	476	328	195	198	16101	694	20560
September	289	1181	1053	222	542	586	454	275	196	18224	885	25907
October	407	1239	1160	246	580	750	528	247	352	20297	886	26692
November	444	1192	1341	276	616	696	470	317	395	21080	1016	27843
December	309	1092	1263	266	526	566	460	271	381	18928	945	25007
Total	3939	12545	13116	2714	6611	7322	5415	3272	3847	230665	9887	299333

Table of Issues from the Central Reference Library, 1909.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works	Total.	Daily Average.
January	26	48	238	126	48	62	101	43	134	77	13	185	1075	41
February...	24	47	221	120	55	112	88	121	145	72	14	226	1221	50
March	27	39	286	236	91	87	142	118	191	102	17	311	1620	60
April	24	42	217	139	45	84	66	58	88	86	5	152	982	40
May	25	46	253	95	65	95	76	94	134	58	1	194	1111	44
June	22	8	212	79	35	48	66	95	103	92	1	149	888	40
July	27	45	271	125	49	70	73	87	80	93	11	141	1045	38
August	25	22	320	133	33	83	77	61	71	32	1	135	968	38
September	26	21	360	125	49	78	100	84	131	39	25	252	1264	48
October	26	70	321	83	41	56	174	86	96	116	21	233	1297	49
November	26	65	299	117	59	64	154	48	136	94	16	271	1323	50
December	25	37	295	212	82	68	75	73	117	140	34	265	1398	55
Total ...	303	490	3293	1590	652	907	1192	968	1426	1001	159	2514	14192	46

Table of Issues from the Central Lending Library, 1909.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	26	250	470	690	166	368	507	268	146	237	11917	474	15493	595
February	24	233	489	696	155	334	491	248	134	195	10264	499	13738	572
March	27	259	542	748	150	361	440	262	127	216	11883	523	15511	574
April	24	206	457	602	123	297	416	221	121	210	10384	486	13523	563
May	25	214	450	528	133	297	361	238	128	179	9784	396	12708	508
June	22	167	388	469	106	237	302	199	97	150	8755	414	11284	512
July	27	216	390	535	98	313	361	185	84	162	9500	484	12328	456
August...	25	177	360	416	79	240	318	169	93	120	7976	425	10373	414
September	26	216	447	562	133	325	365	219	100	112	9120	467	12066	464
October	26	261	536	684	148	307	438	257	87	168	10070	446	13402	515
November	26	287	519	777	162	349	408	256	119	222	10379	532	14010	538
December	25	211	474	668	134	300	382	245	118	179	9366	505	12582	503
Total	303	2697	5522	7375	1587	3728	4789	2767	1354	2150	119398	5651	157018	518

Table of Issues from the Boscombe Branch Lending Library, 1909.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average
January	13	28	107	115	14	48	79	42	24	28	3712	36	4233	325
February	12	26	106	145	11	44	80	45	11	32	3639	22	4161	346
March	13	27	123	175	7	46	78	49	14	16	4116	23	4674	359
April	13	16	99	157	9	54	70	45	13	22	3927	25	4437	341
May	12	24	68	104	14	48	40	36	8	25	3408	30	3805	317
June	13	18	101	130	14	45	41	35	7	22	3801	30	4244	326
July	14	20	73	105	16	38	59	36	2	22	3673	37	4081	291
August	13	21	106	99	10	38	42	31	6	16	3240	38	3647	280
September	13	30	164	152	12	41	72	52	10	22	3441	39	4035	310
October	13	40	159	169	22	76	94	52	26	37	3895	66	4636	356
November	13	44	144	195	19	67	78	55	33	32	4224	76	4967	382
December	14	27	121	192	23	61	59	48	22	34	3962	71	4620	330
Total ...	156	321	1371	1738	171	606	792	526	176	308	45038	493	51540	330

Table of Issues from the Westbourne Branch Lending Library, 1909.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	13	32	42	8	23	5	8	10	14	1081	17	1253	96
February	12	9	70	59	9	18	6	14	9	3	1014	35	1246	103
March	13	9	70	60	11	12	5	11	12	10	1192	27	1419	109
April	12	12	54	54	4	17	—	8	5	7	970	24	1155	96
May	13	15	62	51	1	24	7	6	9	7	980	22	1184	91
June	12	10	50	62	7	11	5	7	4	4	951	16	1127	93
July	14	4	41	42	3	8	6	6	1	2	995	18	1126	80
August	12	6	24	34	5	5	1	4	1	2	782	11	875	72
September	13	6	39	53	7	6	1	5	2	3	879	21	1022	78
October	13	13	31	48	9	17	1	7	6	5	948	10	1095	84
November	13	21	29	62	10	11	3	3	3	7	985	24	1158	89
December...	11	4	35	46	5	10	3	4	3	4	907	9	1030	93
Total ...	151	122	537	613	79	162	43	83	65	68	11684	234	13690	90

Table of Issues from the Springbourne Branch Lending Library, 1909.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	9	8	39	25	2	8	4	12	1	1	1002	6	1108	123
February...	8	8	35	25	1	7	5	7	1	2	852	8	951	118
March	5	4	12	13	1	4	1	10	4	—	551	1	601	120
April	13	10	74	112	7	42	34	55	11	13	2123	19	2500	192
May	13	13	81	121	5	66	23	43	12	23	2369	18	2774	213
June	13	11	63	99	7	45	35	44	14	16	2235	36	2605	200
July	14	13	77	87	12	42	21	43	8	11	2333	40	2687	191
August	13	13	48	76	7	36	23	27	9	11	1974	40	2264	174
September	13	9	86	106	15	37	24	44	15	10	2154	47	2547	195
October	13	9	84	100	16	53	15	56	17	13	2481	63	2907	223
November	13	15	95	103	11	60	25	59	9	21	2648	51	3097	238
December	12	14	70	69	13	33	26	40	7	10	2268	37	2587	215
Total ...	139	127	764	936	97	433	236	440	108	131	22990	366	26628	191

Table of Issues from the Winton Branch Lending Library, 1909.

Month.	Days Open.	A Religion and Philosophy.	B Topography and Travel.	C History and Biography.	D Social Science, Politics, and Education.	E Natural and Mathematical Sciences.	F Fine and Recreative Arts.	G Useful Arts.	H Language and Literature.	J Poetry and Drama.	K Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature.	L Miscellaneous and Collected Works.	Total.	Daily Average.
January	13	23	113	107	7	79	26	72	12	17	2854	50	3360	258
February	12	24	104	89	19	77	19	51	8	21	2499	43	2954	246
March	14	20	88	73	25	87	18	63	10	16	2918	60	3378	241
April	11	17	78	61	12	57	16	46	8	13	2552	39	2899	263
May	13	13	81	66	7	59	19	55	13	15	2630	44	3002	230
June	13	14	64	70	5	67	32	45	12	14	2646	48	3017	232
July	13	11	71	50	7	61	24	44	12	20	2463	53	2816	216
August	12	11	63	54	6	43	15	36	15	17	2128	45	2433	202
September	13	7	85	55	6	55	24	50	17	10	2605	59	2973	228
October	13	14	108	76	10	71	28	70	15	13	2882	68	3355	258
November	13	12	106	87	15	65	28	49	17	19	2828	62	3288	252
December	11	16	97	76	9	54	21	50	4	14	2391	58	2790	253
Total ...	151	182	1058	864	128	775	270	631	143	189	31396	629	36265	240

Occupations of Borrowers entered on the Register during 1909.

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Accountants	15	3			2
Actors	3				
Agents and Canvassers	17	14	1		2
Apprentices	19	16	6		9
Architects	24	2			1
Army Officers	28	5		1	
Art Dealers	3	4			
Artists & Art Students	18	5			
Artisans (not specified)	117	35	27	15	15
Auctioneers, House and Estate Agents	14	7		1	2
Authors	6				
Bakers	15	8	2		8
Bank Officials	13	4	4	2	3
Barmen and Barmaids	4				2
Barristers	4	1			
Bath Chair Proprietors	2				1
Billiard Markers	3				
Blacksmiths	3	2			4
Blind-makers	2				
Bookbinders	4	4	3		
Book-keepers and Cashiers	37	7	4		13
Booksellers	4				
Boot-dealers	15	4			2
Bootmakers	10	4	5		3
Bricklayers	6	3	2	1	10
Builders	16	2	1	1	5
Builders' Merchants	4				
Butchers	7	3	4		2
Cab drivers	3	3			
Cabinet makers and Upholsterers	33	5	3	1	5
Caretakers	3	3	2		2
Carmen and Carriers	14		3		4
Carpenters and Joiners	33	24	14	1	27
Carriage-builders	4	2			
Carvers and Gilders	3	3			1
Charwomen	6				
Chauffeurs	4	1	2		2

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Chefs	2				
Chemists	22		2	1	1
Chimney Sweeps	4				
Chiropodist	1				
Civil Servants	7	1			
Clergymen and Pastors	33	9		2	2
Clerks	159	21	17	2	12
Coal Merchants	2	2			
Coachmen and Footmen	8	3			
Collectors	5				
Commercial Travellers	6	1	3		
Confectioners	8	4			
Corset maker	1				
Costumiers	24	7	3	2	1
Cycle Makers	3	2	1		3
Dairy-keepers and Dairymen	7	4	3		1
Dealers	12	9			1
Dental mechanics	9	3			
Dentists	14		1		
Domestic Servants (Butlers, Cooks, Housekeepers, &c.)	156	61	26	18	23
Drapers and Assistants	87	25	3	1	6
Draughtsmen	3				
Dressmakers	69	10	14	4	33
Drill Sergeants	2				
Dyers	4				
Electrical Engineers	11		2		1
Electricians	16	5	3		2
Elocutionists	2				
Engine Drivers	1		3		
Engineers, Civil and Mechanical	14	2	2	1	2
Engravers	4		1		
Entertainers	2				
Errand and Office Boys	6	3	9		7
Farmers					2
Fishmongers	6	3	2		
Florists & Nurserymen	14	4	2		

Occupations of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
French Polishers	4				
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	12	4	2	8	1
Furniture Dealers	6	3	2		
Gardeners	14	5	7	1	15
Gas Inspectors	2				1
Glass-workers	3				1
Golf Caddie					1
Golf Professional	1				
Governesses	6	2	1		
Grocers and Provision Merchants	17	7	6	1	8
Grooms and Stablemen	12				
Gymnasium Instructors	1	2			
Hairdressers	16	5	1	2	1
Harness makers	1				1
Hawkers	3				
Horse dealer					
Hosiers	6	5	1		2
Hotel and Restaurant Keepers	12	3			
Inland Revenue Officers	2				
Inspectors	3	4			
Insurance Agents	15	5	3		4
Ironmongers	7	6	2	2	3
Jobmasters	4		1		
Journalists	22	1			1
Justices of the Peace	3				
King's Counsels	2				
Labourers	4		3	1	7
Laundry-workers	7	4	14		8
Law Stationer	1				
Lay-readers	3				
Librarians and Assistants	17				
Licensed Victuallers	4				
Lodging-house Keepers	145	35			
Machinists	3				
Managers and Manageresses	11	2			4

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Mantle and Gown Makers	3	4			
Manufacturers	7				
Market Gardeners	3				2
Masons	4	3	2		2
Masseurs & Masseuses	8	1			
Matrons	4				
Mechanics	11	4			15
Merchants	4				
Metal Workers	2		1		
Millers	2				
Milliners	34	10	3	4	8
Motor Mechanics	5	2			
Music Dealers	6				3
Musicians, Composers, and Musical Students	33	4		2	
Naval Officers	7	2			
Needleworkers	7	7			1
Newsagents	6				
Nurses (Hospital and other)	33	15	9	2	4
Opticians	4				
Outfitters	9	5	4	3	3
Page Boys	1	1			
Painters and Decorators	19	12	7	1	13
Pensioners	5				
Photographers	17	7	3		3
Physicians and Surgeons	25	1	1	4	1
Pianoforte Tuners	4	1			2
Picture Framers	4		2		
Plasterers	3				3
Plumbers	14	5	3		7
Policemen	3	2	2		1
Porters	6	2	3		2
Postmen	9	3	5		3
Post Office Clerks	19	8		1	3
Poultry Dealers	3	3			
Printers & Compositors	27	3	5	1	6
Printers' Readers	5				

Occupations of Borrowers—*continued.*

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Pupil Teachers	26	4			2
Railway Employees	12	3	2		2
Rate Collectors	2				
Scholars	347	126	235	42	190
Schoolmasters, Schoolmistresses & Teachers	102	34	10	4	30
Science Masters	2				
Scientific Investigators and Naturalists	5	1			
Sculptors	1	2			
Seamen	2	1			
Secretaries	16				
Shop Assistants (not specified)	244	31	18	14	20
Shop Keepers (not specified)	45	8		3	
Shorthand Writers and Typists	12	1	2		2
Sign and Ticket Writers	6	2			1
Solicitors	19	3			
Stationers	4				1
Stewards	6				2
Storekeepers	4	5			
Students (Law, Medical and other)	114	6			3

	Branch.				
	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Superintendents	4				
Surveyors & Assistants	6	2			
Tailors and Cutters	22	14	8		
Teachers of Language	5				
Teachers of Music	15	3			
Telegraph Messengers	9	5	3	1	
Telephone Clerks	6	1	3		
Tobacconists	5	7			
Tram Drivers and Conductors	4	1			[illegible]
Trunk Makers	3				
Umbrella Makers	3				
Vergers	2		2		
Vocalists	5				
Waiters and Waitresses	9	2			[illegible]
Watchm'kers & Jew'llers	24	1	3	1	[illegible]
Wheelwrights	2	4	1		[illegible]
Not stated (mostly Ratepayers and wives of Ratepayers)	1942	888	632	205	278
TOTAL ...	4996	1708	1189	357	1167
	9417				

Number of Ratepayers and Non-Ratepayers on the Borrowers' Register.

	1909.	1908.	Increase or Decrease.
Ratepayers—			
Central	1391	1387	+ 4
Boscombe ...	433	475	— 42
Springbourne ...	248	116	+ 132
Westbourne ...	87	99	— 12
Winton ...	336	313	+ 23
Non-Ratepayers—			
Central ...	3605	3895	— 290
Boscombe ...	1275	1103	+ 172
Springbourne ...	941	240	+ 701
Westbourne ...	270	305	— 35
Winton ...	831	721	+ 110
Totals	9417	8654	Increase 763

Students' Extra Tickets issued for Non-Fiction.

	1909.	1908.	Increase or Decrease.
Central Library ...	815	820	— 5
Branch Libraries ...	350	186	+ 164
Totals	1165	1006	Increase 159

List of Periodicals, &c.

Dailies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Bournemouth Daily Echo	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Chronicle ...	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Graphic	1	1	1		1
Daily Mail	1	1	1	1	1
Daily News	1	1	1	1	1
Daily Telegraph ...	1	1	1	1	1
Financial News... ...	1	1			
Globe	1	1			
Manchester Guardian ...	1	1			
Morning Leader ...	1	1	1	1	1
Morning Post	1	1			
Pall Mall Gazette ...	1	1		1	
Standard	1	1	1	1	1
Times	1	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette ...	1	1		1	
Semi-Weeklies.					
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Guardian	1	1	1	1	1
Weeklies.					
Those marked thus (*) are transferred mid-weekly. Those marked (†) are transferred at end of week.					
Academy and Literature	1	*1			
Alliance News	1				
Amateur Gardening ...			1	1	1
Amateur Photographer	1				
Architect	1	*1			
Athenæum	1	*1			
Birmingh'm Weekly Post	1				
Black and White ...		1			
Board of Trade Journal	1				
Bournemouth Graphic...	1	1	1	1	1
British Architect ...	1	1			

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
British Weekly	1	1		1	
Builder	1	1		1	1
Building News ...	1	1	1		1
Canada	1		†1		
Carpenter and Builder...		1			1
Catholic Times... ...	1	1			
Christchurch Times ...		1			
Christian Commonwealth	1	1			
Christian World ...	1	1			1
Church Times	1	1			
Civil Service Gazette ...	1				
Cycling	1	1			
Economist	1	*1			
Electrician	1	†1			
Engineering	1				†1
English Mechanic ...		1	1		1
Estates Gazette ...	1				
Exchange and Mart ...	1	1	1	1	1
Feathered World ...		1			
Field	1	1	†1	†1	
Gardeners' Chronicle ...	1	*1			
Gardening	1	1			
Gentlewoman	1	1			
Graphic	1	1	1		1
Guardian	1	1			
Hampshire Chronicle ...		1			
Hampshire Independent	1				
Hearth and Home ...	1	1	1	1	1
Hobbies	1	1	1		1
Illustrated London News	1	1	1		1
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News		1			
Lady	1	1	1		1
Lady's Field		1			
Lady's Pictorial ...	1	1		1	
Municipal Journal ...	1	1	1		1
Musical News	1				

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Nation	1	1			
Nature	1	*1			
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle	1				
Outlook	1	1	†1		†1
Patent Office Official Journal	1				
Photography	1	1			
Pitman's Journal ...	1				
Punch	1	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	1			
Scientific American ...	1	1			
Sketch	1	1	1	1	
Spectator	1	1		*1	
Sphere	1	1	1	1	1
Tatler		1			
T.P.'s Weekly	1	1	1	1	1
Truth	1	1	1		1
Weeky Scotsman ...	1				
Western Gazette ...	1	1	1	1	1
Westminster Gazette (Saturday edition)			1		1
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1			

Bi-Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
University Correspondent	1				

Monthlies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
[Those marked thus ‡ are transferred at end of month].					
Agricultural Economist	1	1			
Architectural Review ...	1				
Art Journal	1				
Bookman	1	‡1			
Boy's Own Paper ...		1	1		
Captain	1				‡1
Cassell's Magazine ...		1	1	1	‡1
Cassier's Magazine ...	1	‡1			
Century Magazine ...	1	1	‡1		‡1
Chambers' Journal ...	1	1	‡1		‡1
Chums	1				1
Connoisseur	1				
Contemporary Review ...	1	1			
English Illustrated Magazine		1	‡1		
Fortnightly Review ...	1	1	‡1		‡1
Girl's Own Paper ...		1			
Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1		1
Journal of Education ...	1	‡1			
Knowledge	1	1		1	
Lady's Realm	1	1	‡1		‡1
Literary World... ...	1	1		1	
London Magazine ...		1	1		1
Musical Times	1	‡1			
Nineteenth Century ...	1	1	‡1		‡1
Organist and Choirmaster	1				
Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1		1	1
Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Photographic Monthly...	1	‡1			
Railway Magazine ...	1				‡1
Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1	1
Royal Magazine ...		1			
Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1	‡1		‡1
Strad	1				
Strand Magazine ...	1	1	1	1	1
Studio	1	1		1	
Windsor Magazine ...	1	1		1	1
Woman at Home ...	1	1			1
Woodworker	1	1	1		1
World's Work ...	1	1	‡1		1

Bi-Monthlies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
British Printer	1				

Quarterlies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Edinburgh Review ...	1				
Hibbert Journal ...	1				
Quarterly Review ...	1				

List of Periodicals, &c.—*continued.*

Directories.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Advertiser's A.B.C. ...	1				
Army List	1	‡1			
Bennett's Hampshire Directory	1				
Chambers' Directory ...	1				
Crane's London and Provincial Directory	1				
Crockford's Clerical Directory	1	1	1		
Hampton's Scholastic ...	1				1
Hart's Army List ...	1				
Kelly's Bournemouth ...	1	1	1	1	1
Kelly's Hants, Wilts and Dorset	1				
Kelly's London P.O. ...	1	1	1		
London Directory (County Suburbs)	1				
Macdonald's English ...	1				
Morris' Business Directory	1	1	1	1	1
Navy List	1	‡1			
Nisbet's Medical ...	1	1		1	
Perry's Hotel and Boarding House Guide	1				
Practical Advertising ...	1	1			1
Stubbs' Manufactures and Professional	1				
Thoms' Directory of the Manufacturers and Shippers of Ireland ...	1				

Railway Time Tables.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
A.B.C.	1				
Borough Time Table ...	1	1			
Bournemouth A.B.C. ...	1	1		1	
Bradshaw	1	1	1	1	
Caledonian	1	1	1	1	
Continental Bradshaw ...	1	1			
Glasgow and South-Western	1		1	1	
Great Central	1	1	1		1
Great Eastern	1				
Great Northern... ...	1	1	1	1	1
Great Western	1	1	1		
Highland	1				
London, Brighton and South Coast	1	1	1	1	
London and North-Western	1	1	1	1	1
London and South-Western	1	1	1	1	1
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North British	1		1	1	

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